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Wilds Offers A Worthy Program Says Churches Should Modernize

Auber J. Wilds, president, got the Mississippi Baptist Convention off to a good start as he delivered the President's annual address using as his subject, "Profit and Loss."

Mr. Wilds outlined a program for churches and challenged them to go forward. He said that the modern church: Should put a new emphasis on church membership; teach the books on Church Membership; make our church services attractive; and have a full time program.

President Wilds address with a few omissions follows:

Some years ago I was introduced to three personalities, Mr. Optimist, Mr. Pessimist, and Mr. Peptimist. A fellow traveler had gotten into a ditch. Mr. Optimist came along, stopped and said, "Oh he's all right." He will be out in a jiffy, won't need my help." Mr. Pessimist came along, stopped and remarked, "Oh, that fellow is stuck for life." Nothing I can do to help him." Mr. Peptimist came along, stopped, got out and put his shoulder to the task and helped the fellow right his car and soon he was on the highway going his way.

Tonight my talk will contain matter that will remind us of all three of these personalities.

A Great Tragedy

In the beginning of Christianity, and for several hundred years, the disciples went everywhere preaching. Christianity became a mighty force and seemed destined to be the controlling influence in the world. Seeing this, Constantine, the Roman ruler decided to capitalize on the idea, and

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AUBER J. WILDS

Baptist Leaders Urge New Year's Eve Prayer Services

ATLANTA, Ga. — (RNS) — An appeal that all 26,401 churches of the Southern Baptist Convention conduct New Year's Eve prayer services, possibly lasting throughout the night, has been issued in a paper signed by executive secretaries of all Convention agencies.

The movement, launched by Dr. C. E. Matthews of the Department of Evangelism of the convention's Home Mission Board, has begun "because civilization is probably facing the most critical hour in the history of man."

"We are making the most earnest
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BELL BRINGS DYNAMIC MESSAGE ON "BAPTISTS AND THE BOOK"

Preaching the annual Convention Sermon before a packed auditorium, Dr. W. A. Bell brought an inspiring sermon "Baptist and the Book." The sermon follows:

BAPTISTS AND THE BOOK

II. Tim. 4:13

by

Dr. W. A. Bell, Pastor
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Mississippi

Mississippi Baptists, we have assembled from every section of our fair Commonwealth in an ominous hour. Our world has gone awry because it has failed to see in the Christ of the Book Supreme Wisdom, and to take Him with deep seriousness into every department of human life. In the last few years multitudes of the down-trodden and dispossessed have developed a theology born of defeat and despair which defines religion as simply salvation for another world, and not a mighty force to remake our world order. The church has been leading out to put Christ in the

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DR. W. A. BELL

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Make It Sixty By Christmas

STATE MISSIONS FEATURES OPENING SESSION OF STATE CONVENTION

Jackson, Miss., Nov. 17 — The one hundred twelfth session of the Mississippi Baptist Convention met here in the auditorium of the First Baptist Church with a great group of Baptists from every section of the state in attendance.

Highlights of the opening session were: President Wilds address (given in full elsewhere); introduction of resolutions and the presentation of State Missions under the direction of Dr. D. A. (Scotchie) McCall, Executive Secretary of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board.

With a large Mississippi map as a background, Dr. McCall, after emphasizing the importance of State Missions and its scope, introduced workers from every department of State Mission work. As various representatives gave short testimonies about

their work, lights representing that object were lighted on the map. At the close of the program the whole map was covered with lights.

Among those making interesting presentations were: A group from Par-

chman; several Chinese from Greenville and a group of Choctaw Indians from Neshoba County. Other departments represented were: Bookkeeping, BSU, Music, Institutional Visitation, Sunday School, BTU, WMU, Brotherhood, Temperance, Baptist Record, Evangelism and Stewardship, Deaf Work, Eskimo, Minister's Retirement, Associational Missions, Church Building Evangelism, Pastor's Aid Evangelism.

Several resolutions were presented. All were referred to the Resolution Committee which will report on Wednesday night. Among the resolutions offered which are likely to cause spirited debate were: A resolution by Rev. E. L. Byrd, making members of the Boards ineligible for re-election after six years of consecutive service; and a resolution by Rev. J. H. Street and endorsed by the Jones County Association asking that Cooperative Program funds be divided 50-50 instead of 60-40 as at present.

President Wilds named the following committee on Committees: F. M. Purser, L. G. Sansing, R. D. Pearson, J. H. Street, W. L. Sewell, D. Swan Ha-

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THE TITHE AND THE WMU

By Edwina Robinson
Executive Secretary

First, we need to get this truth firmly fixed in our minds: tithing is not a scheme for raising money. It is absurd to imagine that the omnipotent Creator is dependent upon man, either for messengers or money. God is after hearts. Tithes and offerings constitute the age-old plan of the Heavenly Father

(1) to save men's souls from the deadly sin of covetousness
(2) to teach His redeemed children to put His Kingdom first
(3) to allow them thus to have a
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Baptists Asked To Conserve Food Thanksgiving Week

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — (BP) — Dr. Duke K. McCall, executive secretary of the Southern Baptist Convention, and Dr. J. M. Dawson of Washington, executive secretary of public relations for American Baptists, have issued an appeal to Southern Baptist churchmen to co-operate with the government's food conservation program.

The appeal was aimed primarily at Thanksgiving week, usually characterized by bountifully filled tables.

"Our office commends the heartiest co-operation of our people with this general movement throughout the United States," Dr. Dawson said. "The plan fits in exactly with what we are already trying to do. Our conservation of food is a means of making good our pledges on relief. By conserving we share our plenty with those who are hungry."



MISS ELIZABETH PARKE

Twenty years ago Miss Elizabeth Parke became Church Secretary of First Church, Meridian. For eight of the 20 years Miss Parke served jointly with Miss Caroline Cochran, Educational Director. However, the years 1935 to 1944 the church was without an educational worker.

Miss Parke, whose specific duties were secretarial, rendered financial compensation sacrificial service in the
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worth, R. A. Tullos.

A large group of new pastors who had come into the state since the last Convention was introduced.

Dr. F. M. Purser presented the following report of the Committee on Committees:

In each case, the first named is the Chairman of the Committee.

Order of Business

R. A. Tullos, Greenwood; J. H. Kyzar, Greenwood; Judson Chastain, Poplarville; W. D. Hudgins, Jackson; W. L. Compere, Jackson.

Nominations

Chester A. Molpus, Belzoni; Webb Brane, Yazoo City; W. L. Meadows, Quitman; L. E. Green, Pascagoula; J. D. Ray, Starkville; O. P. Moore, Moorhead; Wyatt R. Hunter, McComb.

Review of Convention Board Report

J. E. Barnes, Hattiesburg; J. L. Courson, Mathiston; W. A. Bell, Hattiesburg; Norman Price, Jackson; L. G. Sansing, Booneville; J. W. Parrish, Laurel; J. D. Walker, Calhoun City.

Review of Education Commission Report

D. Swan Haworth, Vicksburg; L. E. Smith, Forest; C. O. Estes, Canton; Guy A. Little, Crystal Springs; E. D. Elliott, Greenville; B. B. Hilburn, Florence; J. H. Cothen, Hattiesburg.

Review of Social Service Report

E. L. Byrd, Meridian; G. O. Parker, Carthage; J. C. Murphy, Hattiesburg; R. D. Pearson, Macon; A. T. Engell, Money; I. E. Rouse, Hattiesburg; D. O. Horne, Monticello.

Time, Place and Preacher

Fred B. Bookter, McComb; C. M. Day, Durant; J. T. Odle, Gulfport; H. H. Aultman, Holly Springs; Fred B. McKey, Lucedale; Charles Treadaway, Cleveland; J. F. Brock, Moss Point.

Resolutions

W. L. Sewell, Prentiss; W. C. Tyler, Blue Mountain; Homer W. Roberson, Vicksburg; W. R. Cooper, Jackson; H. L. Martin, Senatobia; J. H. Street, Laurel; C. B. Hamlett III, Winona.

Radio

Claude B. Bowen, Jackson; F. M. Powell, Tupelo; A. L. Gatewood, Itta Bena; Cecil Travis, Jackson; James Algood, Brookhaven; E. R. Pinson, Newton; Wm. G. Watson, Louisville.

At the Tuesday morning session Dr. F. M. Purser chairman of the committee on committees made the final report for his committee which included the temperance and aged ministers committees those names were temperance A. A. Kitchings; W. E. Greens; L. G. Gates; J. R. Reedy; R. R. Brignac; Montie A. Davis; and Norman W. Cox aged ministers Bryan Simmons; W. B. Abel; W. L. Day; C. J. Olander; O. P. Testers; J. C. Pinson and Phil J. Walker.

Dr. D. M. Nelson made the report for Mississippi College, Dr. D. M. Nelson, Blue Mountain; Dr. I. E. Rouse, Mississippi Womans' College and Rev. W. L. Compere, Clarke College.

Rev. E. I. Farr spoke on ministerial education and Rev. F. B. Bookter on training negro minister.

Dr. Jesse Northcutt, Dr. Dale Moody, and Dr. R. Q. Leavell represented Southwestern, Southern and New Orleans Seminaries.

The concluding part of the morning program was the convention sermon appears elsewhere in this issue.

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Rev. B. H. Benton, State Evangelist, and New Hope Church, Simpson County, want to thank Pastor Vernon May and the members of Mount Olive Church, Covington County, for the use of their baptistry on Sunday, November 16. There were four professions of faith during the revival at New Hope and these candidates were baptized at this service.

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Friendship Reports Progress

Friendship Church, No. 2, Tallahatchie County, Rev. D. C. Hartley, pastor, reports progress in recent months. The Sunday School has had an enrollment of 183 and an average attendance of 65, Vacation Bible School enrollment 62, average attendance of 50, Training Union enrollment of 76 and average attendance of 48.

There have been 11 additions by baptism and 10 by letter. Gifts for missions and benevolences of \$240, expenditures for local work \$976 or a total for all purpose of \$1,217.

The church has half-time services on first and third Sundays and weekly prayer services on Wednesday nights at 6:00 o'clock. This fine church also has the **EVERY FAMILY** Plan of the Baptist Record. They have installed butane gas system and report that they are enjoying the comfort of a warm building in which to worship.

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Church Women Collect Kits For Destitute Children

SEATTLE, Wash. — (RNS) — Women of 12 nationalities, dressed in costumes of the countries they represented, laid bundles of school supplies and clothing for children in Europe around the pulpit of First Methodist Church here.

Thus, the Seattle Council of Church Women observed World Community Day by remembering those in other lands. Under the title, "We Are All Debtors," the women presented their bundles and then told of the cultural gifts each country had contributed in the past.

The event was part of a national movement by the United Council of Church Women to provide 500,000 kits for destitute European children. Each kit will contain shoes, clothing and school supplies.

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center of theology, but it has not led the way in a great program to put Him in the center of all human relationships. The church must lead us to see that no people long prosper who ignore or reject Christ's patterns of attitude and action. What is needed, then, is not a new religion, but only a revival of that religion which is portrayed in the Book. The people who disintegrated the atom owe to God as a matter of love and privilege every reasonable sacrifice to integrate humanity upon the teachings of the Word.

Baptists Are People of the Book

Baptists are people of the Book, and it is with premeditated seriousness of purpose that the subject, "Baptists and the Book," will be discussed under three heads: Authority, Comprehensiveness, and Compulsion.

I. AUTHORITY

The authority of the Scriptures is not imposed from without. It does not proceed from any man, however much he may be declared infallible. It cannot be decreed by any council, however important that council may be. It cannot proceed from any church, however ancient and powerful that body may be. It cannot be foisted upon us by any tradition, however venerable that tradition may be. The authority of the Book is internal and inherent; it depends upon God, and it is to be received because it is "the Word of God."

Deity Takes the Initiative

At the outset, this authority may

J. A. Travis Resigns As Foundation Secretary



J. A. TRAVIS

J. A. Travis, Executive Secretary of the Mississippi Baptist Foundation, has resigned effective November 1 and on that date he accepted a position with the Mississippi Education Association as Administrative Assistant to the Executive Secretary, Floyd Barnes. A Mississippi College and Peabody College graduate, Mr. Travis had taught school in several of the larger high schools of the state and had been connected with the State Department of Education for ten years prior to coming to the Baptist Foundation.

Mr. Travis succeeded Rev. A. B. Pierce who resigned as Secretary of the Foundation to accept an Arkansas pastorate.

Other business conducted by the Foundation was a discussion by the Foundation Trustees of future programs and policies. Members who attended the meeting were: Leland Speed, chairman; Tom Hederman, Jr.; P. M. B. Self, Marks; C. O. Dean, Leland; R. L. Covington, Hazlehurst; E. C. Polk, Hattiesburg; Frank L. Fair, Louisville; Dr. R. B. Gunter, Pickens; and Rex Reed, Tupelo.

be said inhere in the fact that the Bible is a Divine Self-disclosure. It is not a record of man's upward search, but of Heaven's downward approach. It is Deity taking the initiative and following through to a glorious consummation. It is God unfolding and unveiling Himself as He breaks through human consciousness. This disclosure may be looked upon as a two-way transaction. God does His part, but in doing so He never ignores or violates the human. The human is both included and enabled. "For prophecy never came by human impulse, it was while carried away by the Spirit that the holy man of God spoke." II Peter 1:21.

This disclosure is progressive. Sin had come between man and God, and man could not receive a complete disclosure in one experience. God contacted and gave to each generation all the light that generation could receive, but there was always enough in that which He gave to lead to the next higher stage. Thus revelation steadily progressed from the first dawn streaks of Divine light in the sky of a sin-blackened world to the noon-day brightness of the Supreme disclosure of God in Christ. This generation dwells in the noon-hour, and it must always remember that all of the earlier stages of disclosure have value for it only as they are consistently interpreted in the light of

Christ. This type of interpretation will produce the conviction that the same gospel of grace is basic in both the Old and the New Testament.

Again, Scriptural authority is evidenced by the fact that the Book was written by men whom God selected, inspired, and kept from error. Infinite love is behind every act of God in His purpose of grace, and He chooses men not only to salvation but to service. The chosen human agents vary in levels of preparations, as a careful study of the different books of the Bible will reveal; but God always manages to disclose the desired, but otherwise undiscoverable truth. Thus in the Bible do students find recorded the testimony that the Infinite God used human intellect and experience through which to give His truth to all men.

The process or inspiration is not completely understandable, since it is God stooping through His Holy Spirit to the level of the human intellect and experience. Dr. Mullins used to compare this act of condescension of God's part to the slightly stooping figure of a woman found in an art collection in Europe. By no process has it been possible to determine just how far below the height of the erect figure the stooping statue measures. In like manner we cannot determine how far God adapts Himself to human capacity in the process of inspiration. Of the result, however, Baptists can be certain. God breathed into men His Spirit, and men yielded to His control and wrote as He directed.

God Is Equal to Every Emergency

Authority is further grounded in the fact that God collected and preserved the books of the Bible. In every age the many enemies of the Book have used every conceivable means to destroy it. Our Lord, however, has been equal to every emergency and has miraculously preserved His Word. Sometimes it was lost for years but God as in the days of King Josiah has a Hilkiah on hand to uncover it. Sometimes it was buried in the rubbish, but God raised up a Tischedorf to bring it out of the monastery to a hungry world. Sometimes His books were burnt in great piles, but He never failed to produce out of the ashes a greater number than before. The Author of the Book will never let His message fade from the earth.

The Holy Spirit, the Author of the books, not only preserved them through the centuries, but led in their collection and inclusion in the canon. Let it forever be understood that the great church councils did not make the books God's Word, but only recognized that which was inherent in the books themselves. They were included in the canon because they were the message of the Holy God.

Then, too, authority is further substantiated by the fact that the Book is illuminated by the Holy Spirit. The Book cannot be a lifeless record, for He walks through it. Divine Self-disclosure was climaxed in Christ and His impact on human messengers, but interpretation and illumination will go indefinitely because the Holy Spirit guides to give light to those who seek to understand the Word. The experience is not like that of talking to a friend over a long distance line where there is much disturbance and opportunity for the unintelligible, for "the Word is very light thee, in thy heart." Again, let the experience be set forth in another figure. Have you ever heard an announcer in a radio studio say,

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Mississippi Baptists---Your Secretary Says: "Love Never Fails." 1 Cor. 13:8

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"Therefore all things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them." Jesus in Matthew 7:12



Mississippi Woman's College Choral group at the Lebanon Association, October 14 were: Jeannette Bilbo, Joann Casteel, Areta Chance, Mel Craft, Carroll Freeman, Jeanne Gilmore, Marty Hamilton, Annie June Johnson, Eugene Lucy, Betty Martin, Newell Massey, Billy Ray Mathis, Annie Vera Oden, Betty Pope, Betty Jo Pigott, Juanita Parish, Marian Rowell, Mary Dee Russel, Betty Jo Shields, Willie Spears, Betty Stevens, Helen Toney, Louise Waddell, Gene Walley, Joann Weaver, and Genie Willingham.

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In the fourteenth chapter of John, Jesus says, "If ye love me, keep my commandments," and, "If a man love me he will keep my words." Thus one may easily know if he loves Jesus. What are some of the really meaningful words spoken by Jesus? Answer: "come", "repent", "believe", "confess", "be baptized", "add yourself to the church", "worship", "serve", "give", "live", etc. Not a one of them is unreasonable, or impossible! "If a man love me he will keep my words," insists Jesus!

Love speaks in action! God loved a lost world - John 3:16. God - love did something about this lost world! Love always speaks in action. Jesus says again in John 14, "He that hath my commandments and keepeth them, he it is that loveth me," and listen, "he shall be loved of my Father!" That is worthwhile!

II

Because of lack of space last week, we omitted the names of pastors of Lebanon Association. They have been so fine, their names are now presented as follows: Otis Jones, Virgil Ratcliff, R. P. Butler, O. C. Barrett, W. L. Holcomb, W. R. Storie, W. L. Yeatman, George Mosely, Cecil Lea, N. J. Lee, Gene Wallace, J. C. Murphy, J. W. Wood, W. P. Blair, A. T. Walker, O. H. Petty, E. M. Bilbo, J. B. Stewart, Cecil E. Smith, H. L. Davis, W. E. Stewart, J. Reese Rogers, Newell Massey, Grady Stringer, R. C. Woodham, and several others whose names we failed to get.

III

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

"I find your comments on tithing very inspiring. When you have space for more questions and answers, will you answer the ones below:

1. Suppose the mother doesn't have the privilege of using her chickens, eggs, and butter as she desires, without making it unpleasant.
2. Is it better to demand her rights and see that the Lord has His share which then is very little, or accept the situation making it more peaceable?
3. Is it right for her to keep a secret a little she has earned so she can give all she feels led of that amount to the Lord?
4. Is it right to 'slip around' with some charity work one wishes so much to do?
5. Is it right to accept the responsibility of work for the Lord against the husband (or wife's) wishes, making it unpleasant?"

I realize it is not easy always to deal with pressing personal situations. The answer on paper is one thing, and the answer in life is another. Colossians 3:12-19 gives a message that if applied will solve any vexing domestic situations.

Answering the questions in order:

1. If the mother does not have the privilege of using any products even that which she may develop, possibly nothing may be done in the matter.
2. The peace of the home is worth a great deal. Some have paid real high prices in serving the Lord. Luke 14:25-35. Matthew 10. Hebrews 12:32-40.
3. If what she has is hers, then it is hers to use as she sees fit under the hand of the Lord. If what she has is not hers, then she would hardly have the right to determine its use.
4. Real Christians have never been the slipping around kind. Acts 5:40-42. Acts 4:13.
5. Unless such matters may be worked out in the spirit of love and in partnership, little may be done about it. I Corinthians 13.

IV

Messengers at the Gulf Coast Association packed the Long Beach house of worship in their service Tuesday evening. Interest and spirit ran high. They are undaunted by their recent disaster.

I enjoyed the evening meal in the home of Rev. and Mrs. Paul Cooper at

Handsboro where they are doing fine work.

The Volunteer Mission Band at Mississippi College constitutes an interesting group. They do some very helpful work in needy places nearby. The writer was glad to speak to them on the assigned topic, "Missions and You."

It was the thrill of a lifetime to see 15th Avenue Baptist Church, Meridian, packed with all comers to the Mississippi B.S.U. Convention. Dr. Paul Horner, one of the finest spirits we know, is the princely pastor. His brother, Charles Horner, is State B.S.U. secretary. Brother Riley Munday met us out on the street and gave us the usual sort of entertaining welcome. This was undoubtedly the greatest B.S.U. Convention I have attended.

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It was an unusual joy to be with Dr. W. C. Holland and the other saints of East Baptist Church, Greenville, Mississippi. Everybody had a word of praise for the pastor and his family. They worship in one of the most lovely buildings to be found anywhere. Some splendid men and women make up the membership of this church in a growing residential section of one of our fine cities.

Mr. John D. Davis is good in the automobile business. I know he is the best Convention Board president in the South. He is gracious to his family and friends. It seems certainly he is at his very best in his own home church life. Mr. Davis has really developed the goods in helping send Mississippi Baptist life forward along all lines. There were seven additions. It was good to see Dr. Elliott, dynamic pastor, First Baptist Church, Rev. J. R. Eubanks, builder of Second Baptist church, Dr. D. I. Young, leader of our Chinese Mission work, and Rev. D. I. Young, Jr. It seems one or two other preachers were present whose names do not come to mind right now.

VI

The brethren in Arizona have been more than gracious. A surprise joint invitation pressed upon your Executive Secretary meant a visit to their Convention at Phoenix. Two addresses were asked for, one on the Co-operative Program and the other on Christian Education. Feeling Mississippi Baptists would like to share in this ministry, the invitation was accepted. The Convention was greatly enjoyed. Dr. Willis J. Ray, Executive Secretary, is one of the finest with able helpers.

Dr. Ray writes:

"We thank you for coming. Both of your messages were par excellent. The people received them gladly and were blessed by your presence.

"We closed our convention with a victorious spirit. Not one low note was sounded and we feel that we are facing the greatest year in the history of our work in Arizona."

VII

LAST WEEK OF OUR LORD'S MINISTRY AND CRUCIFIXION

Tuesday of crucifixion week is the busiest day in the recorded event of the ministry of Jesus. He has again spent the night at Bethany among friends where love, hospitality, and comfort reign. Mark 11:19-25. As they start toward Jerusalem they note the withered fig tree. Peter speaks. He usually says something. Jesus utters four great words "Have faith in God!" If the people of God caught this challenge there would be a new day in Kingdom affairs! Jesus adds, "Therefore I say unto you, What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them. And when ye stand praying, forgive, if ye have ought against any: that your Father also which is in heaven may forgive your trespasses." (Mark 11:24-25).

Jesus visited the temple. He often went to the place of worship. Luke 20:1-19. Jesus magnified worship even as He dignified labor. He was not afraid of work! He was not negligent in worship.

Four different questions are hurled at him! 1. "By what authority do you these things?" 2. "Is it lawful to pay tribute to Ceasar?" 3. "Whose wife will she be in the resurrection?" 4. "What is the greatest commandment?" Matthew, Chapters 21-22. Jesus is never caught off guard! He never speaks a misplaced word! He answers each in questions, parables and positive statements!

Jesus then delivers the most scathing denunciation of hypocrisy to be found in any literature. Read Matthew 23.

Still in the temple He sits over against the treasury watching the people cast in their offerings! I think He watches the bringing of offerings and tithes for His work today. In Mark 12:41-44 we have His last act, last word, and last look in the Temple. He will visit it no more! Why should He? He was rejected in His own house! Is He today rejected in some lives, some churches, some associations, some Conventions? Do we talk about the things they gave themselves to? His people had already been declared robbers. Malachi 3.

Jesus then discusses last days. Matthew 24 and 25 chapters. He gave us these things not to satisfy curiosity, not to confuse us, not for a theological scaffold, but to save from mis-information and to stimulate us in watchfulness!

In the closing section of Matthew 25 we see the greatest gathering of people ever witnessed. It is the judgement! It means meeting God - a God who knows - a Saviour who died for each of us! Each one alone gives account of himself unto God. This meeting is at the time least expected! Are you ready?

Now in the judgement what of those who came with their trap questions this Tuesday.

In the judgement what of those who piddle in the pulpit, play politics in His work, talk of trivialities, connive in Conventions, seek to dominate His dear people, ask trap questions, etc.

"Jesus is standing at your heart's door, Standing and knocking, He's

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Sharing Blessings With Others

During the past few years God has blessed Mississippi Baptists in a marvelous way, materially as well as spiritually. All blessings carry with them tremendous stewardship responsibilities. Our time, our talents and our money are not our own, but have been entrusted to us through the grace of God for use in the advancement of Christ's Kingdom on earth. To accomplish this, we have a complete program embodying missions education and, benevolences, which must be carried on to the full extent of our ability. Benevolences, the sharing of blessings with others less fortunate than ourselves, can and does embody missions and education. The benevolent undertaking of caring for homeless children is perhaps one of the greatest Christian services we render. By sharing our blessings with others and providing a Home for Homeless children we render untold missionary services which will bless the world for all time to come. Mississippi Baptists are urged to be generous and in the spirit of Thanksgiving make a worthy offering on November 23rd or some time during the month.

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Wasting Time

Recent press reports told about friends of the late Harry Houdini gathering at midnight on the 20th anniversary of his death hoping to receive a message from him.

The results were the same as for the other 19 meetings. NOTHING.

For 20 years his friends have met annually hoping to hear from Houdini, but there was no message from him. Many recall that before his death, Houdini told his wife and some friends that he would try to communicate with them. The time agreed upon was the anniversary of his death.

Very few were surprised for no human being has yet returned

after death, either in body or spirit. There were many deluded souls who were probably disappointed.

But there is a time coming when all shall be raised from the dead. At that time our Savior shall claim his own. And at the judgement many shall hear the words, "And these shall go away into everlasting punishment." But all who have accepted Christ as Savior will rejoice to hear the Savior say, "Put the righteous into life eternal."

If those who spend time and money in an effort to communicate with the dead would show as much interest in their own soul's salvation they would be better off.

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Another Editor Speaks

From the pungent pen of Fred Sullens, Editor of the Jackson Daily News, the excerpt below is reproduced as it appeared in his column, "Low Down on the Higher Ups" in the capitol city's afternoon daily.

"Before any steps are taken towards the staging of an event in 1948 our State Fair should be placed on a much better basis or wholly abandoned. The recent event was not a credit to anybody say a few of the exhibitors who tried to show what progress is being made in agriculture and industry. Having as the chief attraction a lot of cheap, dirty shows cannot be tolerated any longer."

Baptist Record readers will recall we carried an editorial in the summer calling attention to the "carnival type" affairs that swing into Mississippi during the harvest season—to "harvest the money" from our crops, as well as to spread their own undesirable ideas of "entertaining."

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It Might Pay

So many wisecracks have been made about those who "view with alarm" situations today, that one almost hesitates to speak warning. But people in the Baptist churches of the South need to "view with alarm" the definite trends of youth—Christian youth—away from the established churches. One needs but to read widely to see that Christian Youth Movements of various kinds are entering the conflict against wrong, apart from the church. They are not against the church, but channel efforts through other groups.

A militant Christianity appeals to youth. They are seeking action. If they find it in the churches in their communities, they will throw themselves into the battle for right. If they find the churches with leadership content to sing piously,

live complacently, keep the middle-of-the-road on moral issues, and willing to major on beautifying comfortable houses of worship for a membership satisfied to let the down-and-outs stay down, and the up-and-outs fly on their way to eternal destruction—then Christian youth with a desire to serve fully a living Christ will cast their lots with groups that have the seeking compassion of the Savior.

It might pay us to study local situations where we live, and see what is happening among the real Christian young people today. A critical attitude will not solve the situation. Perhaps humble heart searching would help. All of us want to do the will of God. Let us be wise and loving. God will lead if His people will allow Him to lead.

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Powerless Churches

A number of evidences point to the fact that Christians are becoming concerned over the apparent powerlessness of many churches. When we read the New Testament we are struck by the fact that the early Christians made a terrific impact upon the great pagan world in which they resided as people of an "occupied territory."

Letters are coming more frequently to the Editor expressing distress that we as Baptists are not feeling the same sort of dynamic results as the Acts records. One such letter carried the following ideas in brief:

"God is all-powerful. Why doesn't the church show more power? Matthew 15:4 gives one reason. We must lay aside things that hinder. We must pray as commanded in Matthew 6:6. Some begin to complain they don't have time for secret prayer. But some church members find time almost daily to gossip about the neighbors."

The meeting of physical needs of the poor should have a part in the program of the powerful church, according to the writer of this letter.

"All true Christians know that the precious Blood of the Lamb holds power. The early church received God's approval. May we not fail in faith and vision. God would have us show forth His power in this generation."

We believe it is a good sign that people are becoming aroused over the lethargy that seems to bind some of the churches, and we predict a great revival will sweep the state if enough of the members in the pews become evangelists of the power of God.

New Kind Of School

A striking new idea is being used by the First Baptist church at Durham, N. C., according to an article in the Biblical Recorder. This plan calls for school on Saturday mornings. We reproduce the idea as printed in the Southwest Baptist Digest:

UNUSUAL SCHOOL

Ordinarily, school on Saturday is frowned on by children, especially the younger ones. But there are at least 25 children, between the ages of nine and 12 years, in Durham who, in addition to attending regular school five days a week, spend most of every Saturday morning in a special school. And they like it.

The school is included in the religious education program at the First Baptist Church. The Rev. J. Winston Pearce, pastor of the church, initiated plans for the school last summer, with the aim of teaching the Bible to children and instilling the proper attitude of worship. Already it has proved very successful.

In order to give maximum personal attention to each child, the number of students is limited to 25.

The subjects are taught in four 45-minute class periods. They include Bible study, music, recreation and worship. The teachers are members of the church staff.

This idea may have something so vital and significant that many will wish to study it.

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Selected Editorial

Judge Stricker's "Compliments" To Recent Fair "Entertainments"

Hinds county's venerable Chancellor V. J. Stricker, in a decision sustaining the City of Jackson's claim to retain its 25 year lease of the Fair Grounds, took occasion to pay his "compliments" to the entertainment offered the people by the first state-managed fair early this month.

"The lights and lure of a so-called Midway, lined with vulgar performances, short-change artists, mechanized gambling equipment, pick-pockets, prowlers, concessionaire-extortioners, blackwash bums, and outdoor squawkers from indoor swindle squads, are not calculated to promote in any way the financial, agricultural and industrial interests of a conservative and civilized people," His Honor affirmed. "And the depressing effect of such conditions upon public morals needs no pointing out."

That is strong language, but still fair and judicial. Judge Stricker must have taken a look at that "midway" himself. And literally thousands of citizens who also observed it, or whose children were shortchanged or gulled into gambling, agree with His Honor that "neither agriculture, seriously in an atmosphere of vice and where a spirit of debauchery is imported to contaminate the proceedings."

Many such citizens also agree with Judge Stricker that unless this fair is "lifted promptly to a higher plane of respectability," it may soon destroy itself. — Jackson Clarion Ledger.

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THE BAPTIST RECORD

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MISSISSIPPI BAPTISTS

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knocked before; This is the question you face once more: What will you do with Jesus? What will you do with Jesus? Neutral you cannot be; Some day your heart will be asking: 'What will He do with me?'

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BELL BRINGS MESSAGE

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"The program will proceed by transcription." This does something to you, does it not? The persons on the program are not there. You are listening to a dead record. It is not so with the Bible. The Holy Spirit conducts to a living person in the Book as He speaks to you. To read the Book is to have companionship with God.

Again while the fact that the Bible is the word of God, is the real foundation for all of its authority, yet there are some considerations which corroborate that authority. One is that of indispensability. The Bible provides the historical foundation that keeps our faith from being just a tradition. Where, outside the Bible, could it be learned that justification is by faith? How could certainty of immortality be arrived at? How could the great evangelistic program of Christ be carried on apart from the information provided in the Book? Apart from the Bible one could never arrive at certainty concerning the great Christian doctrines. Surely the indispensable nature of the Bible points toward its authority.

Bible Survives Scrutiny

Another corroborating evidence may be designated as justification in Christian experience. The Bible is an ar- be designated as justification in Chris- tian well for the watering of the soul. It has fed the inner life of men and women through the centuries. No other book has been tested in this respect as has the Bible. Multitudes anything else. I have read the great writings of Confucius. have searched its pages in the trying hours, and it has not only survived their closest examinations, but has brought strength for the crisis and grace for the strengthening of character. A book which can operate in Christian experience with such power must be of God.

One of the missionaries shares an experience which carries weight at this part of the argument. A brilliant young Chinese in his early thirties came to a service being conducted by the missionary. He asked for a New Testament and was given one. He soon came back to bring a stirring testimony.

"I took the New Testament home with me. I sat down on the floor and read it through before I did. I wanted to satisfy my heart here. I knocked at the door, but no answer came, for Confucius was dead. I read the passages of Buddhism, seeking that for which my soul longed. I knocked at the door of Buddha, but no answer came, for Buddha was dead. I read the Koran; my soul longed to find peace here. I knocked at the door, but no answer came, for Mohammed was dead. I read the writing of the greatest sages, patriots, and religious leaders of the past. I knocked, but no answer came. Then, while reading this New Testament. I found that it claimed its author to be alive. I knocked at the door. I found the living Christ. He came into my soul. Here my hungry heart found peace, the peace for which it had longed."

The authority of the Word of God is justified in Christian experience.

In a discussion of the authority of the Book some safeguards should be

thrown up. The authority of the Book applies only when the Scriptures are correctly interpreted. The meaning advanced must take cognizance of the immediate and larger context. It must be related to the consistent central teachings of the whole revelation. It must be viewed in the light of a progressive award march in which the eddies and whirlpools assume their proper place in the great flowing river. The Book is a unity.

The Book has authority only within the scope of its purpose. When biblical authority is claimed in many fields in which the Bible is not intended to apply the authority is greatly weakened.

The authority of the Book is not legislative. It is not an authority which obtrudes itself from without. It is a gradual discovery of the One in the Book whom Christians gladly obey.

Authority of the Book Is for Believers

Its authority is for believers. The Book is authoritative, when confirmed by the witness of the Spirit. All the arguments that can be accumulated are likely to be ineffectual against the prejudice of resolute unbelief. The authority of Jesus was challenged on every hand by unbelief, and His disciples were slow to receive it in its entirety. The answers of Jesus, when questioned, were intellectually complete, but unbelief withheld submission. His disciples did not fully meet the test until after the resurrection. The authority of the Book, then, is definitely for believers.

II. COMPREHENSIVENESS

Baptists believe that the teachings of the Book should be carried into every realm of life. Consider, at the outset, the world of principles. Baptists find the following valid: (1). The Holy and Loving God has a right to be Sovereign. This carries with it the Lordship of Christ. (2). Competency of the individuals: All souls have an equal right to direct access to God. (3). Democracy: All believers have a right to equal privileges in the church. (4). To be responsible man must be free. (5). Separation of church and state. (6). Cooperation without violation of principle.

Again, comprehensiveness carries the teachings of the Book into every department of human life: home, church, school, business, science, recreation, and politics.

III. COMPULSION

Because of the authority and comprehensiveness of the Book, Baptists feel a loving compulsion to engage in all of the work of Christ in all of the world. This compulsion of love expresses itself in the following service fields: evangelism, training, character, stewardship, ministering, healing and building.

Thus Baptists are people of the Book.

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Mary Lois Pearson, Espora, has been elected president of the Home Economics Club of Blue Mountain College. Other officers are: vice-president, Clara Jordan, Rolla, Missouri; secretary, Natalie Cockroft, Memphis, Tenn.; reporter, Ann Overstreet, Jackson; program chairman, Helen Gooch, Memphis, Tenn.; publicity chairman, Bonnie Christian, Bessemer, Ala.

BAPTIST LEADERS URGE NEW YEAR'S EVE PRAYER SERVICES

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appeal of which we are capable to all Southern Baptist churches, regardless of size location, to join together in the mightiest prayer meeting ever held by our people," Dr. Matthews said. "The date, New Years' Eve December 31, fall on Wednesday night, the time of our midweek prayer service; but we are urging that this year-end service be different from the usual prayer meetings in that:

"First, no church shall be hampered with the problem of time. Begin as early as you choose and stay as late as you choose.

"Second, make the service one of praise, testimony, and prayer.

"Third, make an appeal that everyone present pledge to try to lead at least one lost soul to Christ during 1948.

"Fourth, that prayers be offered for a revival in your own heart, a revival in your church, a revival throughout the denomination, a spiritual awakening for the world, and for religious leaders everywhere."

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ELIZABETH PARKE DAY OBSERVED IN FIRST CHURCH, MERIDIAN

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Sunday School except the one year, beginning in June 1944 when Miss Vashti Ishee served as Educational Director. In 1945 Miss Parke was given a half-time assistant in the office of Educational Director and she gave half her time to the Sunday School. In September 1946 she was elected Educational Director.

On the job training has claimed much of Miss Parke's attention through the 20 years. She has received 65 study course awards, read many books, attended clinics, conferences, convention etc., and this year has had an important place on the program of the Mississippi Baptist Educational Directors Conference.

Miss Parke is one of the church's own and during these twenty years has given in the service of her church the last ounce of her heart's full devotion.

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THE TITHES AND THE WMU

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part in the extending of His Kingdom thereby glorifying God and gaining for themselves "treasures in Heaven." From its organization Woman's Missionary Union has had as one of its CHIEF AIMS—"Tithes and Offerings." We recognize that Stewardship is more inclusive than just the matter of material possession, yet our special emphasis is on that phase of stewardship. We recognize that honest attention to material needs is one condition of spiritual blessing. When we use our temporal treasure to meet these needs, we may confidently expect a refreshing, far-reaching, spiritual revival.

The Tithe

Thank God for the tithe
Thank Him for the chance of it
And for the expanse of it,
And for the advance of it,
Thank Him for the right of it.
Thank Him for the might of it.
And for the delight of it.
Thank God for the tithe.

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Roman Catholics in Spain have protested the opening of 34 evangelical chapels during the past year as "a violation of the Constitution."

Clothes for a Million!!

Foreign Secretary M. Theron Rankin says: "Our gifts of clothing will mean life to millions of people this winter. Southern Baptists can easily send a quantity sufficient for half the Alliance goal."

Home Secretary J. B. Lawrence says: "We of the Home Mission Board rejoice in the privilege of co-operating in the campaign to secure clothes for 500,000 men, women and children in Europe this winter. Southern Baptists have no greater opportunity to serve God and humanity than to clothe these needy ones."

Sunday School Board Secretary T. L. Holcomb says: "I believe in the Southern Baptist clothing campaign because it will honor God and help suffering humanity."

Relief and Annuity Board Secretary Walter R. Alexander says: "Campaign to clothe a million suffering people constrains our common humanity at the same time challenging every Christian profession Southern Baptists make. Matthew 25:36, 40."

Ship clean, used clothing, prepaid, to the Southern Baptist Relief Center, 740 Esplanade Avenue, New Orleans 16, Louisiana.

SUNDAY SCHOOL AND TRAINING UNION ATTENDANCE

November 16, 1947

	S.S. B.T.U.
Jackson, First	1,238 454
Jackson, Van Winkle	297 182
Jackson, Calvary	1,409 368
Jackson, Calvary including	1,442 407
Stone St. Mission	60
Briar Hill, Rankin County	103 104
Byram	144 134
Jackson, Southside	507 300
Clinton	257 85
Winona	187 119
Friendship, Pike County	646 184
West Laurel	429 114
Hattiesburg, Main Street	765 312
Laurel, First	547 153
Hattiesburg, Fifth Avenue	509 193
Crystal Springs	576 124
Greenwood, First	572 215
New Albany, First	597
New Albany, First, Including	629
Northside Mission	88
East Columbia	314 112
Jackson, Davis Memorial	168 70
Centreville	772 150
Brookhaven, First	86 40
Wallerlville	233 73
Corinth, Tate Street	54
Chester, Choctaw County	58 41
Chalybeate	120 35
Mantee	36 44
New Zion, Copiah County	414 230
East McComb	145 42
Center Union County	140 69
Grenada, First	518 89
Houkla	96 54
Booneville	274 123
Batesville	209 77
Columbus, First	798 248
Zion, Pontotoc County	90 73
Oloh, Marion County	109 117
Crystal Springs	94 79
Walthall County	436 125
Louisville, First	118 101
Myrick, Jones County	49 26
Rocky Springs	29
Yazoo County	97 86
Carmel, Lawrence County	67 36
Antioch, Lawrence County	54 42
Glenfield, Union County	65
Hepzibah, Jefferson	139 59
Davis County	62 56
Carmel	54 50
Mt. Vernon, Leflore County	54
November 9, 1947	
Byram	80 71
Oak Grove, Calhoun County	52 63
Centreville	162 62
Louisville	389 131
Antioch, Lawrence County	84 40
Magee's Creek	104 146
East McComb	425 216
Batesville	204 52

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The many friends of Rev. Don Land, pastor at Anding, will regret to learn that he was seriously injured in an auto-truck collision on Sunday night, November 9. According to Pastor Land, the truck was without lights.

--Woman's Missionary Union--

President—Mrs. Wilma B. Sledge, Jackson; Exec. Sec'y—Miss Edwina Robinson
Young People's Sec'y—Miss Nell Taylor

Foreign Mission Season Of Prayer

Dec. 1-5

Theme for the Week: "GO YE... COME OVER... SEND ME."

Our Command... our call... our response! The programs for the week center around these thoughts. It is the earnest hope and prayer of the committee who planned the program that the week will be days of more prayer to God and less talking to each other.

Let us plan well for the days of observance, let us prepare our hearts and minds for our part in this Season of Prayer and let us make our offerings commensurate with the needs.

GRATEFUL GREETINGS FROM ITALY

Miriam Rosa, W.M.U. Sec'y Italy

With the precious Lottie Moon Christmas Offering we have been able to make great progress ahead in our women's work and in our churches.

In the first place this generosity has awakened in us a new sense of responsibility and a new conception of the bigness of our work. Thus, after the war we instituted a WMU national treasury in 1945 and from all that time we have always from this fund provided for our own expenses of office supplies and correspondence. Our receipts come from all the unions and have been such that for our 1947 convention we were able to take care of half of the total expenses also. This amount was about \$500.

However, the receipts are not sufficient for the development of our work and it is for this reason that the blessed help from the American sisters is so important to us and so gratefully received. We have found too that, as we have increased our effort to augment our own receipts, the sisters in America have also increased their giving and the part which we receive this year, the Lord willing, is to be larger than ever before.

Last April in Florence we held an effective national convention with a good representation from all the churches. This convention, the first one after the war, set a basis for our work and gave us a place as a real part of our Mission.

We have been able this year to initiate the printing of tracts of evangelization. The first one is a translation from the English of "Why I Am A Baptist" written by Dr. Porter M. Bailes of Texas.

Looking toward next year, we have planned for four regional conventions in order to enable the sisters in the smaller towns to attend a national meeting. There is also a project to initiate within a few weeks a Bible Study Course by Correspondence in order to enable our women who are able to assume their tasks in the work of the church with greater efficiency and preparation. Ready for the printer is a course of study on methods of evangelization especially adapted for use in Italy, in order that our women who desire to do evangelistic work among their friends may have the knowledge and ability to meet those friends' definite needs. The Bible Study Course and also the course in evangelization are of great importance in Italy where Baptist women find themselves confronted with the difficult task of making

Christ known as a living Christ to a population that has lived for centuries in error and superstition. To prepare our women for this good work is the secret of success we wish for here.

It has been possible during the past two years to pay also some of the expenses of our national secretary in traveling among the unions and to provide our office with a new typewriter. It may be added that usually the local unions, where the secretary visits, pay a good part of her expenses as well as entertainment.

The greatest help, however, which comes from the blessed Lottie Moon Christmas Offering in Italy, is of moral character. Here, as in many other countries of the world, women are not given their real place of service in the church. In general, they are held at a distance from all activities and excluded from things which concern its operation. The financial help therefore which we obtain from our American sisters enables us better to train our women in order that they may present themselves for service in the church, prepared in every way to take their places in the work of the local church and the Mission operation itself. Just at this particular time, it seems that all our local groups are beginning to have faith in the ability of the women and, where this faith is manifest, the work of the church is progressing and new plans are being made for the future always more dramatic and Scripturally based. One result of this is that for the first time in a General Assembly of the Churches of Italy, held the first of September, women were designated as delegates and their participation was held a blessing.

May the Lord be praised for the help, financial and spiritual, of the Woman's Missionary Union of America. It is a valuable means which helps us as co-laboreers together with God to face a society which professes Christianity but which gropes still in the darkness of unwholesome tradition and false doctrine.

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PREACHING ON THE HOME

By Joe W. Burton

Not long since I was in an open-air summer time revival. Thursday night of the second week had come before the meeting broke. Then God's spirit came into the people's hearts in a wonderful way. Backslidden Christians were mellowed and repentant. Lost sinners confessed Christ as Saviour. Many came forward to the altar.

Now that great service of the revival was on Family Night. The service which made a revival of what could have been "just another meeting" was one in which people were brought closer to God through the ties of home. Many homes that night were dedicated to God, and then hearts were given to him.

Revival preaching can well focus on Christian home life. Warm evangelistic messages can be given an added heart tug by an occasional revival sermon aimed at cultivating Christian home ties. The pastor's Sunday-by-Sunday pulpit ministry can include a similar emphasis. Such preaching on the home will meet the needs of the people where they live.

Baptist Seminary Dedicates

Broadcasting Studio



Dr. Ellis A. Fuller, president of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky., dedicated a new, \$25,000 radio broadcasting and recording studio at the Seminary on Sunday, November 9. Members of the choir of the School of Church Music of the Seminary appear in the background.

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — (RNS) — Southern Baptist Theological Seminary dedicated a broadcasting studio on its campus Sunday, November 9, with a broadcast over Station WHAS, Louisville, beginning at 9:30 a. m. CST.

Dr. Ellis A. Fuller, president of the seminary, announced that the studio is the gift of an unnamed donor and was given in honor of Dr. Kyle M.

Talent Money Plan Pays Off At Belzoni

Belzoni Baptist Church recently observed "Homecoming Day," on which the members returned talent money lent to them, plus the increase it had earned. Six months ago the church divided \$1080 among the members, no one person receiving more than \$25, and this money was put to work for the Lord.

Some of the members used their money to raise an acre of cotton; others bought pigs and raised them; still others took in sewing. When the talent money plus the increase was brought back to the church at the end of October, it was found to equal \$2500.

Parker Ellis returned \$125, which was the largest amount of money brought in. Mark Simmons and son had the two highest percentages of net increase, each having 538% increase. Mr. and Mrs. P. C. Bradley tied for third and fourth highest percentage increase with a 477% increase.

The \$2500 will be used in paying for a Sunday School annex building for children.

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The monthly report for October of Southwide Funds received by Dr. Duke K. McCall, Executive Secretary of the Executive Committee, S.B. C. shows total contributions amounting to \$581,483 of which \$511,150 were for the Cooperative Program. Of these amounts Mississippi gave \$29,614. \$25,550 of this amount was for the Cooperative Program and \$4,064 was designated.

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Cash Church Makes Progress Under Moore's Ministry

Cash Church (formerly Hebron) of Scott County has written in sending resolutions regarding the going of their pastor, Rev. Elton Moore. The Rev. Moore began his ministry with this church in September 1946, when it was a fourth-time church with an annual income of about \$500. At that time there were two Sunday School rooms and a Sunday School enrollment of 35 and 25 in the Training Union.

At this writing the church has full-time services and the income for last year was \$3,014. Five new Sunday School rooms have been added, a heating and lighting system installed, new song books and communion set provided. The church is out of debt, transportation is provided by bus for regular services, Sunday School enrollment is 120, Training Union 132, and there have been 33 professions. Resolutions prepared by Fate Milner, Carl Maze, Jr., and W. C. Milner, committee, express their deep appreciation to Rev. and Mrs. Moore for their faithful service, during the 13 months of their ministry among them.

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Success of the Thanksgiving offering for the orphanage depends on full participation of every Mississippi Baptists.

"Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give, not grudgingly, or of necessity: For God loveth a cheerful giver." II Cor. 9:7. Remember the Orphanage this THANKSGIVING.



Brotherhood Department

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DISTRICT ONE, SIX, SEVEN AND EIGHT HAVE HAD MEETINGS

As of this date, November 1, District One, Six, Seven, and Eight have had their district meetings. We shall continue the meetings through November 7. At each place there has been a large and enthusiastic gathering of the Baptist men of our state. Surely there is no movement among Baptists that is taking hold of the people more than is the Brotherhood movement. We are not attempting to do everything at once, but we are attempting to move forward in such a thoughtful way that we shall not have to retreat.

DISTRICT CONFERENCES REACH RECORD NUMBER

Eleven Hundred Fifty (1150) Men Attend Conferences - One Hundred Fifty-five Churches Represented - Myrick in Jones County Had Largest Number from Single Church.

The District Conferences closed November 7. The conferences were attended by over 1150 men representing 155 churches. It is our conviction that the finest spirit prevailed in every conference, and certainly the brightest outlook that we have ever known for any movement. We came out of those conferences not wondering if the Brotherhood movement was moving, but wondering whether or not we shall be able to move as fast as it does and give it the proper direction. One hundred fifty-five churches were represented in those meetings, and of course, some of the churches represented do not have Brotherhoods. Practically everyone will have shortly, and then we are receiving reports daily on new organizations.

The speakers were marvelous. L. H. Tapscott of Texas and George W. Schroeder of Memphis "rang the bell" in their discussions of our work. Our

own Mississippi pastors literally "walked around in Zion" on the inspirational messages.

Myrick, a country church in Jones County, led according to number of registration cards in the number of men from any individual church. They had twenty-nine. Our county churches are going to literally remake our denominational life.

Thanks to all who contributed in any way to making these conferences such a success.

DISTRICT OFFICERS

The following officers were elected in the four district meetings held the last week of the series: **District Five**, T. Z. Brown, Louisville, president; Billie Thames, State College, vice-president; and W. H. Roberts, West Point, secretary-treasurer. The Pastors' Advisory Committee is composed of Dr. S. R. Woodson, First Church, Columbus; Rev. W. L. Day, First Columbus, Rev. W. L. Day, First Church, Louisville; and Mr. Ben Seitz, First Church, Starkville. **District Four**, D. T. Bumpus, Corinth, president; J. W. Gray, Pontotoc, vice-president; and H. E. Ray, Jr., secretary-treasurer. **District Three**, L. R. White, Batesville, president; O. B. Kerr, vice-president; and Jack Townsend, Winona, secretary-treasurer. Rev. Robert W. Martin, Batesville Baptist Church, Batesville; Dr. H. L. Martin, First Baptist Church, Senatobia; and Rev. C. B. Hamlett, III, First Church, Winona, were chosen members of the Pastors' Advisory Committee. **District Two**, V. O. James, Greenville, president, H. G. Carpenter, Rolling Fork, vice-president; and W. L. Beard, Trafalgar, secretary-treasurer. Rev. W. S. Hardin, Drew; Rev. C. J. Olander, Morgan City; and Rev. W. C. Holland, East Greenville Church, Greenville, make up the Pastors' Advisory Committee.

said. "It's inevitable and to be expected of people from varied and diversified backgrounds. We cannot reach a common ground without airing our differences."

Bishop Welch observed his birthday by working at his desk as usual at Methodist Church headquarters here, where he directs the Methodist Committee for Overseas Relief, which in the past few years has raised more than \$6,000,000 in Methodist churches across the nation for relief in 24 war torn countries of Europe and Asia.

The bishop predicted it would be necessary to provide emergency relief to churches overseas for at least four or five more years.

Declaring he has heard "a lot of gloomy talk by preachers about the sad state of the world today," Bishop Welch said he was a "confirmed optimist" and that "history shows we have often had dark times," he added.

Bishop Welch "officially" retired in 1936, but has been continuously active in the work of The Methodist Church. Even now he preaches almost every Sunday in his native New York or in the suburbs. After his retirement he was "recalled" to active service as resident Bishop of Boston, 1938-39, and since 1940 has been directing the Church's relief program.

Miss. College Given New Hammond Organ

Clinton, Miss — A new Hammond Electric Organ has just been installed in the Mississippi College Chapel, a gift from Dr. Cary C. Dobbs of Philadelphia, Pa. The organ was installed temporarily in the historic chapel but is to be placed in the new auditorium as soon as the administration building now under construction is completed.

Dr. Dobbs is a graduate of Mississippi College of the class of 1918 and his sister, Marie, was a student here at Hillman at the same time. The organ is being given as a memorial to their parents Charles Hughes Dobbs and Mattie Mathis Dobbs whose home was at Mathiston, while Dr. Dobbs and Miss Marie were students here.

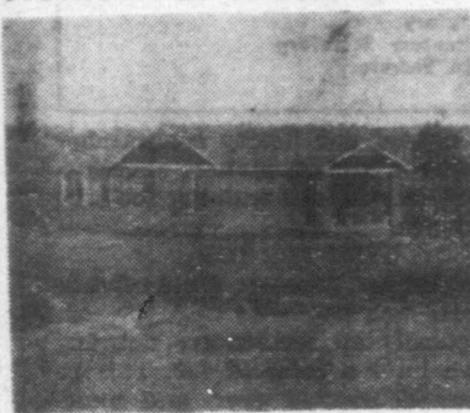
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85-Year-Old Bishop Believes UN Will Succeed

NEW YORK — (RNS) — Belief in the ultimate success of the United Nations as "an instrument to prevent war" was voiced by Bishop Herbert Welch, senior retired bishop of The Methodist Church, at a press conference here on his 85th birthday.

"We shouldn't be surprised at differences of opinion expressed at the sessions of the United Nations," he

Soso Completes New Home For Pastor



By Mrs. Walter Welborn

The Soso Church has recently completed a beautiful seven room brick parsonage of which is a great asset to Soso in the respect of maintaining a full-time church. The rooms, bath, pastor's study, hall, screen and back porch and front porch. All the rooms are finished in textone with the bath, bed rooms, living and dining rooms tinted in pastel shades, and the others in white. It is equipped with butane gas heaters and a nice large gas range.

The W.M.U. furnished the living room with a three piece maple suit, and the guest bed room with a three piece walnut finished bed room suit. Shades and curtains for all the windows were also gifts from the W.M.U.

On Friday night, Sept. 30, the pastor's home was the scene of an open house with about one hundred friends calling upon Pastor John L. Gilbert and Mrs. Gilbert. On this occasion they were showered with a large number of beautiful gifts.

The Rev. Gilbert came from Mississippi College April 1st, to become pastor of the Soso Church which is now a full time church. Prior to this time it was only half time with Rev. Carlies Black of Shivers, pastor.

The resident membership is about 400 with a fine Sunday School and B. T. U., with Mr. Lester Green Superintendent of Sunday School and Mrs. Walter Welborn B.T.U. Director. There has been a steady increase in both Sunday School and B. T. U. under Bro. Gilbert's leadership. Since his coming, 44 have been added to the church.

Soso is grateful in securing this fine young minister of the gospel, as he is a talented musician, a fine singer, and greatly interested in the Christian welfare of both old and young people. Our prayers are that many souls may be saved as he ministers among his people for the cause of Christ.

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Elliott Completes Second Year At Greenville

Rev. E. D. Elliott completed his second year at Greenville, First Church, on November 2. During these months there have been 143 additions by baptism, 267 by letter and 40 rededications. The Sunday School has maintained an average attendance of 609, 208 in 11 unions of the B.T.U., 320 enrolled in W.M.U., 80 in the Brotherhood, a church choir of 50 voices and a goal of \$5,000 for the Cooperative Program for next year.

The new Sunday School building erected at a cost of \$220,000 will be ready for use late in December.

A letter from the pastor to the church member not only recounts some of the blessings of the past, but urges continued interest and cooperation in the plans for the future.

Relief Center Receives Much Used Clothing; Much More Needed To Reach Goal

The Southern Baptist Relief Center at 740 Esplanade Avenue, New Orleans 16, Louisiana, reported to the Foreign Mission Board in session in Richmond, November 13 that 127,290 pounds of used clothing, shoes, and bedding had arrived during the first twelve days of the month.

If the goal of the Baptist World Alliance "Clothes for a million people" is to be realized by November 30, Southern Baptists must triple that quantity for the latter half of November.

A shipment of ten tons was scheduled for Pastor Manfredi Ronchi of the Italian Baptist Union, Rome, and approximately the same quantity was scheduled for Pastor Imre Somogyi, Hungarian Baptist Union, Budapest.

Of funds received during October and November, designated for relief, the relief committee in session November 3 appropriated \$6,000 for "Food for Italy" packages, \$10,000 for CARE food packages for Romania, \$7,500 for CARE food packages for Hungary, \$1,000 for relief work in Romania, and \$5,000 for aid to retired ministers and widows of ministers of the Italian Baptist Union.

The committee is in constant touch with the Baptist World Alliance headquarters in Washington, in the effort to open other Baptist channels to Baptist churches and their communities in Europe and Asia. Plans for delivering material relief supplies to German and Austrian Baptists are now complete, and Baptist Bruderhilfe ("Brother Help") will distribute the goods.

Christmas gifts from one Baptist to another, across the Atlantic or the Pacific Oceans, are possible this year only on a limited basis. Southern Baptists who wish to send such gifts are urged to write for the name and address of a fellow Baptist on file with the Baptist World Alliance, 715 Eighth Street, N. W., Washington 1, D. C.

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J. S. RISER, Sr.

WHEREAS, God in His infinite wisdom has seen fit to call to his reward our friend and brother, J. S. Riser, Sr.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that we the Deacons of Calvary Baptist Church, Jackson, extend to this family our sincere sympathy, and especially to our beloved brother and fellow deacon, Henry Riser, in the loss of his father.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we share with his family in thanksgiving for the long and useful life of this beloved servant.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of these resolutions be sent to the family, a copy spread on the minutes of the Deacons and a copy sent to the Baptist Record for publication.

Respectfully submitted.
I. S. Barnes
C. H. Cooper
E. M. Britt
Resolutions Committee

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Hathorn Baptist Church, Rev. H. M. Kinlaw pastor will hold a debt free celebration and dedication on Sunday, November 23. An attractive program has been arranged. The Baptist Record regrets that this program came too late for use in this week's paper. The program begins at 10 o'clock and continues through the afternoon with dinner on the grounds.

Sunday School Department

E. C. WILLIAMS, Secretary
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TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 24

Tuesday, February 24, is the day for the simultaneous associational Sunday school meetings in the interest of the 1948 work for Mississippi.

March 9 is the Southwide day for these meetings, but March 9-10 is the time of our Mississippi Sunday School Convention at Meridian, so we are using February 24 for Mississippi.

Therefore, let's keep in mind this day for Mississippi for these meetings.

The state meeting was in October; the church meetings will be in January and February; and the associational meetings will be on Tuesday, February 24.

THE LEADERS

The nine leading churches in the total number of Sunday school training awards for the year that closed September 30 are given below, with the number of awards: Jackson First, 132; Hattiesburg Main Street, 133; Hattiesburg First, 164; Crystal Springs, 191; Jackson Griffith Memorial, 234; Meridian First, 252; Jackson Calvary, 268; New Albany First, 364; Jackson Parkway, 413.

We extend our hearty congratulations to the leaders of these churches in this good work of training for better schools.

OVER THE TOP

Our goal for Vacation Bible schools this year was 750.

Practically all reports are now in, and we have a total of 758. This is the largest number ever, and more than one hundred increase over the number of last year.

We greatly appreciate the helpful cooperation given by so many in this great year's work.

BIBLE STUDY WEEK

January 5-9, 1948, is the time for the special Bible Study Week for next year.

The purpose of this is simply to have that much additional Bible study for our people, in view of the great need for it, and also because of the change that such study brings about.

The book, STUDIES IN EPHESIANS is suggested as the one to use. It is not for credit that this is emphasized, but for the sake of more Bible study. So, plan now for it and begin to advertise the week.

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STATEWIDE RALLY

Our Statewide Rally was held on November 10, and in spite of the fact that it rained all day, twenty-five counties were represented. The Attendance was not as great as we had hoped for, but we believe it would have been much greater if it had not been such bad weather. All who were on the program were there, and the program was a good one. We believe that great good was accomplished at the meeting.

STATE CHRISTIAN CITIZEN'S LEAGUE

Perhaps the greatest thing that came from our meeting was the organization of a State Christian Citizen's League. The officers are: Reverend Grady Smith, Goshen Springs, president; B. O. Myers, Sheriff-elect of Scott County, vice-president; and W. L. Holcomb, secretary-treasurer. All members of the various Christian Citizen's League and all who attended the meeting are charter members of this organization. Quite a number of counties have already organized. Every county that does not have an organization of this kind should set up such organizations immediately. We need to unite and mobilize all our forces in a campaign for civic righteousness throughout our state, especially to strengthen and enforce our prohibition laws.

Law enforcement officers who are worthy and sincere need the moral support and the full cooperation of the Christian forces. They have a right to expect this of us. On the other hand, in counties where the law enforcement officers are not doing their sworn duty, an active Christian Citizen's League can overcome this handicap and guarantee law enforcement. It is high time that we awake out of

our sleep and arise for the fray.

REVIVAL

It was our privilege to assist Pastor Homer H. Roberson and the Bowmar Avenue Church in a revival November 2-9. It was a genuine heaven-sent revival. Twelve walked the aisles openly declaring their allegiance to Christ. This is one of Mississippi's great churches. Under the leadership of their warm-hearted pastor, assisted by O. L. Chambers, educational director, they are doing a monumental work. The members with whom we had fellowship are on fire for God and are giving their pastor their whole-hearted support. Vicksburg offers a challenge to the churches, but Bowmar Avenue is meeting this challenge and has a bright future. It was a joy to have fellowship again with Mr. and Mrs. O. L. Chambers, who worked with us at Forest.

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N. W. Baptist Pastors Meet November 25

Batesville church will be the meeting place of the Northwest Mississippi Baptist Pastor's Conference, which meets on November 25.

The program which begins at 9:45 a. m. is as follows:

Worship—Rev. C. L. Howe.

Reports by pastors.

The Pastor and His Prayer Life, Rev. M. C. Whitten.

Impressions of Europe and the Baptist World Alliance, Dr. A. L. Goodrich.

AFTERNOON

The Book of Ecclesiastes, Rev. A. H. Childress.

General Discussion, Miscellaneous business.

Gum Grove Baptist Church, Lincoln County, Celebrates 56th Anniversary 5th Sunday In November



Dr. R. G. Lee Speaks On "Yielded Bodies"

Dr. R. G. Lee of Memphis will bring his message based on Romans 12, "Yielded Bodies," at the Jackson Youth For Christ, Saturday evening, November 22, 7:30 o'clock, in the Central High School auditorium. This sermon has been prepared especially for Youth For Christ groups, and is definitely a message for young people.

Harold Jordan, Director of Jackson Youth For Christ announces an interesting musical program on the same evening. The brass quartette from Central High School will play preceding the service. Other musical features for the evening are: The Glee Club and the Girls' Ensemble from Copiah-Lincoln College, Mrs. Harold Basden of Clinton at the marimba, and the Youth For Christ mixed quartette.

The public is invited to attend this service, which will be of interest to mature people as well as young people.

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REV. A. P. WELLS

The Gum Grove Church will celebrate its 56th Anniversary the 5th Sunday in November with all day services and old fashioned basket dinner at the noon hour. All former pastors, former church members, and present members with all friends are invited. Among the speakers for the day will be Dr. D. A. McCall, Executive Secretary of Mississippi. A goal of \$1000 has been set. This amount included to complete the new Church building. The building when fully complete will be valued at \$20,000. It consists of an auditorium with a two-story educational building which includes three assembly rooms, twelve class rooms, nursery, kitchen, dining room, library, pastor's study, two rest rooms, and baptistry. It is planned to complete the building by January 1, 1948. Rev. A. P. Wells, pastor says, "We will appreciate any part that the friends of this church may have in helping us to reach this goal."

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LAUDERDALE ASSOCIATION ADOPTS RESOLUTIONS ABOUT M. J. GILBERT

In the resignation of our Brother Martin J. Gilbert we have lost a valuable and most energetic worker.

We had hoped that Brother Gilbert could continue with us for several years but we yield to him in his belief that the Lord is directing him in his return to pastoral work.

In the two years that Brother Gilbert has been with the Association much good and lasting work has been accomplished and he has endeared himself to many of our people.

Our prayers and best wishes go with Brother Gilbert in whatever field The Lord leads him to serve.

Respectfully,
 W. B. Lowry
 G. W. Beaman

Sunday School Lesson

By HIGHT C. MOORE
For November, 23
THE WAY OF LOVE

Pastoral in its nature, the first epistle of John seems to have been written first for the churches in Asia Minor which were threatened with heresy, particularly the denial of the truth that God had been manifest in the flesh. The nature of the true faith and its confirmation are, therefore, emphasized. The epistle has been broadly outlined as containing, in the first two chapters, the truth that God is light, and in the remaining three that God is love.

Lesson Text and Outline

1 John 2:7-11, 15-17; 3:13-18

I. THE LIGHT OF LOVE (1 John 2)

Brethren, I write no new commandment unto you, but an old commandment which ye had from the beginning.

Again, a new commandment I write unto you, which thing is true in him and in you: because the darkness is past, and the true light now shineth.

He that saith he is in the light, and hateth his brother, is in darkness even until now.

He that loveth his brother abideth in the light and there is none occasion of stumbling in him.

But he that hateth his brother is in darkness and walketh in darkness, and knoweth not whither he goeth, because darkness hath blinded his eyes.

II. THE LOYALTY OF LOVE

(1 John 2)

Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him.

For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world.

And the world passeth away, and the lust thereforeof: but he that doeth the will of God abideth for ever.

III. THE LIFE OF LOVE (1 John 3)

Marvel not, my brethren, if the world hate you.

We know that we have passed from death unto life, because we love the brethren. He that loveth not his brother abideth in death.

Whosoever hateth his brother is a murderer: and ye know that no murderer hath eternal life abiding in him.

Hereby perceive we the love of God, because He laid down his life for us: and we ought to lay down our lives for the brethren.

But whoso hath this world's good, and seeth his brother have need, and shutteth up his bowels of compassion from him, how dwelleth the love of God in him?

My little children, let us not love in word, neither in tongue; but in deed and in truth.

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What Is the Way of Love?**

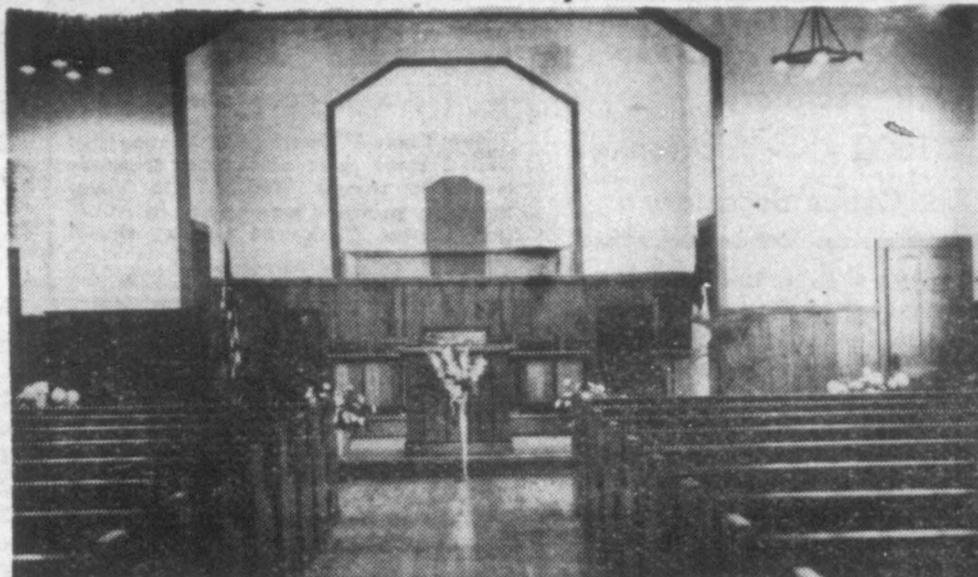
(1) **The Way of the Lord.** "An old commandment which we had from the beginning . . . a new commandment I write unto you, which thing is true in him and in you."

(2) **The Way of Light.** "The darkness is past, and the true light now shineth."

(3) **The Way of Uplift.** "There is none occasion of stumbling in Him."

(4) **The Way of Decision.** "If any

Initial Service Held In New Bay St. Louis Church



The new Bay St. Louis First Baptist Church was opened for services on Sunday, November 2 and the initial service was held at 11 o'clock.

Quite a number of baskets of flowers and Palms, sent by other churches, organizations and individual added beauty to the auditorium and were expressions of interest in the opening of the new building.

There were many visitors from the coast and New Orleans and many local people of other denominations present for the services.

The new building is composed of an auditorium, 12 Sunday School rooms, an auditorium for Sunday School as-

sembly, church suppers and church recreation, a kitchen, office and balcony. The main church was built from a chapel purchased through the War Assets Association and the Sunday School annex from the old church formerly used by the congregation as a place of worship. The entire structure has been brick veneered for beauty and strength. The lot was given by a member of the church. A gas burner for the boiler, gas range, hot water heater, and extra radiators were given by a former member. New Pews have been installed, many of which were memorialized by friends to lived ones and dedicated to the

cause of Christ. The total cost of building is approximately \$32,000. \$24,000 of which has been paid and the remainder to be financed by bonds issued by the church.

The entire program was undertaken in faith by a small congregation (169) relying upon God's promises while many friends locally and over the state aided by investing in this nearby area. Had it not been for these friends of the Cause of Christ the program never would have been completed. The church wishes to express its gratitude to its many friends and sister churches for their abundant expressions of love.

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Vision Of Service

By Mrs. F. S. Bridges

"And they came, both men and women, as many as were willing hearted." (Exodus 35:22).

Someone has said that the churches are full of willing people — some willing to work, and some willing to let them. When Israel was traveling in the wilderness and Moses called for donations for the tabernacle they brought their precious gifts for the Lord. Joyously they came, "every one whose heart stirred him up and whom his spirit made willing." In addition they gave themselves — something far more precious. They gave their strength, interest, energy and enthusiasm.

Oh, that we today might catch the vision of service! That God's children might give not only their means, but themselves to the task of bringing in the Kingdom. Then would we know the joy of being willing-hearted workers with the Lord, and in the end would receive His "Well done."

We need men who live in the "highlands of God," to work "in the lowlands of sin, who will speak of the Final Reckoning. It is not that we don't know the principles of stewardship. God is owner and we are responsible to Him. Each will give an account. Our prayer should be daily that each be given a willing, humble and diligent spirit. (I Cor. 15:58; Psalm 125:6; Psalm 96:8).

WILDS OFFERS A WORTHY PROGRAM; SAYS CHURCHES SHOULD MODERNIZE

(Continued from Page One)

so declared himself a Christian and set up a State Church that made it necessary for all subjects to conform to Christianity. This was perhaps, the first and greatest heresy that has come into the Christian Religion, that is that church membership has saving power. This edict, however, had its weight, and hence there was little incentive for evangelism. This situation existed for a thousand years with only an occasional individual who dared to come out in the open and declare the true faith. It meant persecution even unto death. The persecution meted out in the State Church of England was little better, and so when it was possible small groups fled their native land to find security in unknown worlds. Thus it was that our forefathers came to America. Here they knew they would be privileged to worship God without being molested, which was true of the first ones who came. But one of the strangest things in history is how these same people set up their standards of worship and became bigots to the extent of demanding that all newcomers conform to their ideas. . . .

I was in the home of friends in Clarksdale a few years ago, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Lea, and was shown an old Bible that had a copy of a statement showing that the great grandmother of Mrs. Lea, along with eleven other young women were sentenced to the whipping post in the good state of Virginia, not much more than 150 years ago, for the crime of believing and daring to let it be known that they were Baptists. "But truth crushed to the earth will rise again," and not too long after that the Baptist of our country, then numbering about 200,000 divided over the matter of missions. About half of them read anew the Great Commission and decided that God was depending on them to carry that commission out. God has blessed the group, and as a result we today number more than twelve million in the United States with half that number members of our Southern Baptist churches. The population in the states comprising the Southern Baptist Convention in the last 60 years has grown 300%, while the membership of our churches has grown 500%. This shows that we have more than kept pace with our growing population.

Not A Pretty Picture

Now this isn't going to be a pretty picture, but it is like a doctor telling you that there is something the matter with our heart and you'd better do something about it. I have a friend who recently came near death's door because he had overlooked having a check-up made, busy about other matters he forgot the vital thing of life. Some of you are not going to like what I am about to say, and some of you will take issue with me, but if I can arouse enough interest to cause a check-up and the doing something about it, it will be worth the effort.

Of our 6 million members, not more than one out of a hundred is participating in our total denominational and church program—to wit: Attending Sunday School, the Morning preaching service, Training Union, the Evening Preaching Service, prayer meeting, W.M.U. of the Brotherhood, tithing and winning at least one soul a year to Christ.

Not more than one out of four is (Continued on Page Twelve)



BAPTIST STUDENT UNION

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CONVENTION COMMENTS KEEP COMING

"All of the students from Co-Lin had such a wonderful time, and they all have said that they are really going to work on our campus. I thought the program was very good, and it seemed that every speaker had a real message for us. The Spirit seemed to be very good among all the students. In all I think it was one of the best conventions I have attended."—Jean Furr, Co-Lin Jr.

"Many of our students were helped and had a chance to share their experiences with the local church members . . . I especially enjoyed attending Mrs. W. C. Tyler's meeting."—Annie Pearl Kelley, Clarke.

"The convention was a grand success. I based my statement upon the trends of conversation of those who came back on our bus. I did a lot of listening, and it did my heart good to hear those young people launching out into the problems about them with the spirit of Christ. Yes, He is the Great Difference and the Convention drove that point home."—G. Ben Seitz, Miss. State.

" . . . this Convention . . . was the best that we have ever attended . . . the spirit of the students who came was excellent! The visiting speakers and the others were the best . . . I just wish you could have shared the little service that we had Sunday evening coming back to Blue Mountain on the bus. The girls gave some testimonies of what the Convention had meant to them. They were mar-

velous!"—Helen Bolt, Blue Mountain.

"The Convention was a great success for the Lord. Our students have expressed over and over their thankfulness for the inspiring program. Already I have seen the Great Difference more evident in the lives of the students who attended the Convention. I am so happy about the decisions that two of our group made."—Carla Allbritton, Sunflower Jr.

"It was a pleasure to be with you for the Student Union Convention at Meridian. Allow me to thank you very much for the opportunity of presenting our relief program and for the fine Christian fellowship. I enjoyed every minute of the time I was there and was happy to show the motion pictures for you. Two or three engagements have resulted from the contacts made at your meeting . . ."—chaz. R. Gage, New Orleans, La.

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There were 42 instead of 40 who made decisions at the Convention, and registration was 558 instead of 548 . . . If you want to send something to the needy, send it to Southern Baptist Relief Center, 740 Esplanade Ave., New Orleans 16, La., and send it now! . . . Roger Babson says "The facts are that church people of this country are giving less than one per cent of their income to church and missionary work." What about you, students; are you giving one or ten per cent? . . . Mr. Robert Guy, manager of Ridgecrest, recently visited several Miss. campuses. Enjoyed chatting with him a bit out at Miss. College

Mass. Baptists Hear Call For United Evangelism

SPRINGFIELD, Mass. —(RNS)— Evangelism was the dominant theme of the 145th session of the Massachusetts Baptist Convention here.

The convention theme was stressed in addresses by Dr. Edwin T. Dahlberg, president of the Northern Baptist Convention, Dr. G. Pitt Beers, director of the Baptist Crusade for Christ Through Evangelism, and the Rev. Bredahl Petersen of Denmark.

Calling for a resurgence of religious faith through united efforts of the churches of the world, Dr. Dahlberg declared:

"The stream of religious faith which once surged through the great cathedrals and ecclesiastical systems in Europe, and now empty in many instances, has been diverted into secular channels; political and cultural movements now enlist the loyalties that once belonged to the church alone.

"The state churches on the continent, Protestant or Catholic, have become too big and impersonal . . . but there are two immensely hopeful signs at the present time. One is the vitality of free churches made up of Evangelical movements that have separated themselves from the state churches and really touch the lives of the people . . . the other is the ecumenical movement, especially as expressed in the World Council of Churches at Geneva . . . Alive with evangelistic power."

According to Mr. Petersen, Christians stand "face to face with a whole

ARIZONA BAPTISTS PLAN FIVE-YEAR PROGRAM

PHOENIX, Ariz. —(BP)— A ten-point five-year program aimed at doubling the number of Southern Baptist churches in Arizona was projected by the state's Baptist General Convention in its 19th annual meeting here.

First item of the projected program calls for church to divide their funds equally between local causes and the state Baptist office, with the state office dividing their receipts equally between state objects and the worldwide program of Southern Baptists.

A state Baptist college, increased salaries for pastors, a mission Sunday School operated by every church and individual practice of scriptural stewardship were other items in the program.

Rev. R. H. Tharp, pastor of First Church, Tucson, was reelected convention president.

continent of youth in Europe, trained and indoctrinated with a pagan outlook on life." He warned the convention that the outcome is difficult to determine, but "facts must be faced if Christianity as we know it, is to survive."

Resolutions adopted by the convention opposed continued representation of the U. S. at the Vatican, financial support by the government of parochial or private schools, intermarriage of Protestants and Roman Catholics, universal military training, and class, racial, and religious discrimination.

GOING PLACES

A. L. GOODRICH

Our Text: I Timothy 4:13c and 15b: "Till I come, give attendance to reading—give thyself WHOLLY to them, that they profiting may appear to ALL." Our Motto: "Ask the people, they'll subscribe."

TRINITY IS NO. 877

Trinity church, Desoto County, Rev. M. C. Whitten is one of the latest churches to join the growing list of Baptist Record churches.

The Treasurer is Mrs. R. B. Darby. The list contains 26 more names and Desoto County now has Record readers listed as follows: Trinity, 28; Enterprise, 1; Eudora, 82; Hernando, 91; Horn Lake, 35; Macedonia, 28; Mt. Zion, 17; Nesbitt, 3; New Prospect, 25; Oak Grove, 8; Olive Branch, 62; Pleasant Hill, 27.

RICHLAND CHURCH, RANKIN COUNTY

Rev. Charles L. Phipps has only been pastor of Richland Church for a few weeks, but he is bringing things to pass.

At his invitation I spoke at the prayer meeting service on my recent European trip and through the courtesy of the Baptist Book Store was able to show the pictures that I took during the trip.

There was a good crowd on hand and they expressed appreciation of the pictures. At the close of the service the people all formed hands for the closing prayer.

Rankin County Record readers are now listed as follows: Antioch 44, Barefoot 19, Bethel 17, Brandon 65, Briar Hill 50, Cato 37, Clear Branch 47, Concord 33, County Line 46, East Side 33, Frannin 17, Galilee 9, Hickory Ridge 20, Johns 29, Leesburg 30, Liberty 23, Mizpah 36, Mountain Creek 21, Mt. Pisgah 44, Oakdale 46, Paul Truitt Memorial 38, Pearl City 29, Pearson 25, Pelahatchie 73, Puckett 39, Rehobeth 27, Richland 56, Rock Bluff 24, Rock Hill 12, Star 46, Steen's Creek 90, Union 29.

HOLLY SPRINGS IS NUMBER 879

One of the latest additions to the growing list of churches that have adopted the popular and progressive EVERY FAMILY Plan of the Baptist Record is Holly Springs Church in Marion County. Rev. Dewie Williams, Clarke College student, is the pastor, B. Dunaway, Rt. 1, Foxworth, is the treasurer. It has become a habit with Clarke College students to introduce the EVERY FAMILY Plan of the Baptist Record into their churches.

Holly Springs now has 34 Baptist Record readers and other readers listed in Marion County are as follows: Bunker Hill 101, Cedar Grove 37, First Church, Columbia 18, East Columbia 60, Foxworth 102, Goss 72, Greenville 26, Hickory Grove 8, Hub 1, Improve 72, Kokomo 46, New Hope 78, North Columbia 1, Oloh 54, Sunday Hook 6, Spring Cottage 19, White Bluff Clear Creek 43.

THE PEOPLE FOUND OUT

As evidence that the Baptists of Mississippi need and want the Baptist Record we quote from a letter recently received from Bobbie Thigpen of White Sand Church, Pearl River County: "We people of the White Sand Baptist Church, Pearl River County, found out last Thursday when the subscriptions ran out just how

much we really like the Baptist Record. So, I decided for me to try out the motto: "Ask the people and they'll subscribe." I must say it did work very good. Out of the 19 people I asked, 17 said they wanted the Record and I am enclosing their names and the check for same."

Rev. Grady Watson of Newton, Mississippi, is the pastor of this good church.

Record readers of Pearl River County are now listed as follows. Bethel 65, Carriere 4, Derby 1, Goodyear 84, Harmony 36, Juniper Grove 79, McNeil 1, Napoleon 33, New Henley Field 38, New Palestine 32, Nicholson 48, Ozona 10, Picayune First 276, Pine Grove 74, Poplarville First 175, Roseland Park 35, Spring Hill 3, Union 44, West Union 1, White Sand 18, West Poplarville 15, Crane Creek 1.

A GOOD PLAN

Mrs. George L. Berry of Rt. 4, Columbus, has sent a list of subscriptions for the students of that church who are away at college.

This is a good plan and every church in the state should do likewise. It is a way of keeping contact with the church and of letting the students know that even though they are absent in body they are remembered.

UNITY IS IN

Unity Church, Claiborne County has greatly aided the Baptist Record in its effort to reach the 59,000 mark by the Convention date. A recent list sent by Mrs. Roy Lutz of Pattison, Miss., contained 16 names. Whether a church is small or large, its needs the Baptist Record, and Unity church is setting the pattern for any other churches that do not now have the Record as a part of their program. Claiborne County now has Record readers listed as follows: Hermanville, 42; Port Gibson, 64; Unity, 18.

MT. VERNON, HOLMES COUNTY

One of the latest churches to join the growing list of churches that have adopted the popular and progressive EVERY FAMILY Plan of the Baptist Record is Mt. Vernon church in Holmes County.

The Pastor is Rev. A. H. Miller, greatly beloved pastor of those parts. The list was sent by Mrs. C. C. Holmes, whose address is Route 3, West, and contains 22 names.

Henceforth, Mt. Vernon Baptists are going to keep up with what Mississippi Baptists are doing both at home and abroad.

Holmes County Record readers are now listed as follows: Beulah, 25; Central, 3; Cruger, 23; Durar 102; Ebenezer, 1; Emory, 6; Goodman, 42; Harlands Creek, 1; Horseshoe, 21; Lexington, 165; Mt. Pleasant, 45; Oak Grove, 15; Pleasant Ridge, 33; Tchula, 45; West, 39; Pickens, 56; Mt. Vernon, 33.

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Rev. J. A. Ousley, Clerk of the Tallahatchie County Association, has sent The Baptist Record a copy of resolutions adopted by the Tallahatchie Association memorializing the state convention to restore to the Baptist Orphanage their former allocation of 6% of Cooperative Program receipts and the Mother's Day offering. These resolutions are similar to those adopted by other associations and previously published in The Baptist Record.

New Mexico Baptists have asked the eight western states to join them in providing \$130,000 to buy a site for a western assembly.

BAPTIST TRAINING UNION

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Attention, Associational Director: Have you secured from the churches their thirteen favorite hymns, and have you sent them in to Dr. S. F. Lowe, Director of our Southern Baptist Radio Commission? If you read last weeks Record you saw that this has been asked of all Associational Directors. When they are in from all over the south the thirteen getting the highest vote will be used on the weekly broadcast programs of the Baptist Hour.

Meeting the Needs of Adults Through the Baptist Training Union is a new book in the Baptist Adult Union Study Course. Every pastor will want to teach this to the adult membership of the church, and every adult will want to study it, or perhaps a better statement would be they "should." It is by Dr. G. S. Dobbins, the author of several of our adult study course books, and it is a most timely discussion. We are hoping that no less than 50% of our adult church membership in our Mississippi Baptist churches will study this book in classes taught by their pastor within the next twelve months, many within the next six months.

Salem Church Covington Co. Promotes Tithing

The Intermediate Department of the Salem Church, Covington Co., is sponsoring a program of tithing in a very practical and definite way. They have selected and trained a cast and they have prepared the play To Tithe or Not to Tithe and have already visited several churches and presented the play and have engagements with other churches and in the near future will present this helpful play to them. Mrs. C. C. Rogers is the director of the Salem church, and is also director of the Associational Training Union for Covington Co. This is a fine program in which extensive training can be given to a group of young people and at the same time present a gospel truth that will bring a blessing to thousands.

HINDS-WARREN ASSOCIATION IS DISSOLVED

Two Associations Take Its Place
Hinds-Warren Association, the largest Training Union Association in the state has been dissolved and in its stead a Hinds Association and a Warren Association have been organized. The Associational Training Union prior to the change still stands for the Hinds Association with the exception of two of the officers who were in Warren Co. These places are being filled. The Warren Association has not completed their Training Union organization, but have elected Rev. Robert Dixon as the director. They organized with a leader for each department of the work including an Association Missionary, Rev. Phil Walker, who was also elected moderator. The Training Union department of the state pledges them fullest cooperation, and already have plans to spend a week in the association within the next year.

JUNIOR DEPARTMENT VICKSBURG OBSERVES PARENTS' NIGHT

The Junior Department of the First Church Vicksburg now has seven

unions and plans for the eight right soon. At present there is a union for the nine year old juniors, two unions each for the ten, eleven and twelve year old juniors. Mrs. Frank Thomas is the efficient and beloved department director and is leading this department to the heights. Recently they observed Parents' Night with thirty parents attending. The program was very impressive, having been carefully, and thoroughly planned. The program consisted of songs, Bible readings, prayer, a program "I will be a good witness," a reading "Christ has no hands but our hands", and two short inspirational talks given by E. C. Hullum, Tr. Union Associate Director, and Mrs. J. C. Greenoe, State Approved Worker. Mrs. Thomas has fourteen adult leaders and sponsors to help her in the work of this department, they are, Mrs. E. C. Gibson, Miss Erle Peeler, Mr. Leonard Lee, Mr. C. E. Jenkins, Mrs. Eubie Williams, Mr. E. C. Gibson, Mrs. L. A. Tatum, Mrs. C. E. Jenkins, Mrs. Nettie Holder, Mrs. David Gill, Mrs. U. M. Wilson, Mrs. S. H. Hendricks, Miss Maxine Douglas, Mrs. Myrth Payne.

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Mississippi Calendar Of Prayer

November 24 — Rev. J. L. Boyd Jr., Pastor's Advisory Committee, District 5, Brotherhood.
November 25 — O. S. Ellis, Jasper County Associational Training Union Director.
November 26 — Joe McCullough, Secretary-treasurer, District 8, Brotherhood.
November 27 — L. P. Jacks, Lawrence County Associational Training Union Director.
November 28 — A. S. Treadway, Secretary, Associational Brotherhood, Deer Creek Association.
November 29 — T. E. Davis, Marion County Associational Training Union Director.
November 30 — B. A. Ashworth, President, Covington County Brotherhood Association.

Twenty-Five Years Ago

By J. L. Boyd, Sr.

Pastor D. W. Moulder is assisting Pastor A. P. Wells in a meeting at Eucutta in Wayne county.

In an article titled "A Century of Baptist Journalism" by G. S. Dobbins, the writer says of the *Baptist Record*, then under the editorship of Dr. F. L. Lipsey since 1912: "Nothing in the history of journalism in Mississippi, nor of the South has ever equalled the success which *The Record* has met under this new management."

Pastor E. V. May of Boyle reports "one of the most telling revivals in the history of the church" with the assistance of Dr. H. L. Martin of Indianola and singer J. A. Brown of Dallas, Texas., 23 added to the church.

Pastor R. A. Eddleman of the First Baptist church of Lonoke, Ark., reports "one of the greatest meetings in the history of the church" with Roland Q. Leavel and R. L. Cooper of Mississippi assisting—34 added to the church.

Editorial: "Marconi says we shall soon be getting electrical energy from the sun. Maybe this will bring down the high cost of living which has struck us again."

WILDS OFFERS A WORTHY

(Continued from Page Nine)

enlisted in as much as 25% of our total ministry.

Not more than one out of six in Sunday School on any Sunday School Morning.

Not more than one out of eight in Training Union Sunday Night.

Not more than one out of 10 of the 4 million eligible for W.M.U. Membership in any regular meeting.

Not more than one out of 50 of the 2 million eligible men will be in a regular Brotherhood meeting.

In giving we stand at the bottom of 20 leading denominations with a per member giving of \$17 a year to all causes, local and worldwide. Four dollars of this going to causes beyond our local church. The Church of the Nazarene stands at the top with a per member giving of \$75 with \$17 as much we give to everything, going to causes beyond their local church. We with 6 million members support 600 foreign missionaries. British Baptists with 400,000 members, one fifteenth our number, support, 250. 2,600,000 Presbyterians support 1650 Foreign Missionaries. I know we have alibies and good ones, but we still have these facts.

You remember the story of the ten lepers Jesus healed, one came back to thank him. These were unenlisted, untaught, untrained persons. Compare this with the 12 apostles that Jesus taught and trained, 11 of the 12 made good. We are too much like the 10 lepers, and I for one want to change the picture to that of the 12 apostles. I would like to see it even better, for I'd like to see it 100%. You are saying, "Well what in the world have you and the other workers been doing?" a good question. If you could compare what we have with what we had forty years ago, it would be like coming out of a dimly-lighted room into a blaze of noon lights.

Adopt A Program

Our brother is in the ditch. What are we going to do about it. We will be able to retrieve some of our losses, not all. We are doing that right along, and we can conserve our new gains, and how?

Put a new emphasis on Church Membership. Adopt a slogan like this—**ALL OUR PEOPLE IN ALL OUR WORK.** From now on out when a person joins the church, make him a member of the whole church.

Teach Them

Every church should teach, periodically, for most churches monthly, the books on Church Membership for all new church members. We have splendid books for this, "The Junior and His Church," "The Meaning of Church Membership" for Intermediates, and "Training In Church Membership for Young People and Adults."

I will never forget how, when I was a young church member, I went to my pastor and asked if he would tell me where I could get a copy of the "church creed," and there are millions in our ranks today as ignorant as that. He helped me, no. He smiled and said, "We do not have a church creed, you study the Bible." I shall ever be grateful for the book, our first E.Y.B.U. study course book, printed in 1907, "Training In Church Membership by Dr. L. J. Van Ness, still one of our most popular study course books.

It gave me my bearings. Church members need to be directed in Christian service, few know just where or how to start. Suppose you were just starting fishing as a hobby, or as life's business. Would you just go out and hunt for good fishing grounds? Eventually you might find some, but it would be quite helpful if you were told by an old fisher where the good places were, and

Something Worse

A religious leader of note in our country, riding on a train toward Chicago, fell into conversation with a soldier. The question of drinking came up, and she asked him if he drank. At first he said, "No," and then he said that on several occasions with his fellow soldiers he had taken a few drinks. On his last furlough, on the way to Chicago he had been drinking with his companions on the train, and by the time he reached Chicago he was drunk. He had wired his fiancee to meet him at the station, and as the train pulled in he was hoping and praying that something might have kept her from coming to the station, so that she would not see him in that condition. But she was there, waiting at the gate, when he came staggering along the platform. When she saw his condition she called a taxicab, pushed him into it, gave the driver his home address, slammed the door, and walked off. For several days afterward the young man tried ineffectually in his bitter remorse to get in touch with her. At length she relented, in so far, at least, as to write him a letter with the promise of another opportunity. But in the letter she said this: "I would rather receive one of those telegrams from the War Department saying, 'Missing in action,' or 'Killed in action,' than ever again see you as I saw you that day at the station." Words that were wisely spoken. "Missing in action," "Killed in action;" in that there is no stain, no defilement, but honor rather than dishonor. — Dr. Clarence Edward Macartney.

better still to have him go along with you. You could learn by watching him and then doing likewise.

Make Services Attractive

We must make our church services attractive. A ride on the City of New Orleans will illustrate what I mean. How often I have ridden from Jackson to Grenada on dirty slow trains, but recently I made the SAME trip on this new and modern train. We now talk over the radio, but the message is the same. We now travel by air, but the destination is the same. Compare the present day picture show with that of 25 years ago, then a jumpy black and white, silent picture, now it is in bright beautiful colors and sound, but it is the same story as you saw then or that you read in the book. My thought is that we must preach the same glorious gospel that we have always preached, but that the meeting house needs to be made attractive, the service needs to be made impressive.

Have Full Time Program

Our churches must have a FULL time program, open every day for those who would pause for prayer, a well planned and supervised social recreational program, visual aid for instruction, pictures for a purpose, not simply for entertainment, and a continuous program of practical missions that will bring the masses into action and give all something to do.

Many of our churches are building a new house, we will be moving out of the old house that has served so long and so well into a new house with its added physical equipment. But even those churches that do not build must with the others "Move out of the old house (way of carrying on the work of the lord) into a new one that adds challenge and spiritual adventure to every member.

We must say with Jesus as recorded in John 9:4, "I must work the works of Him who sent me, while it is day, The night cometh when no man can work."



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SUGGESTED MUSIC PROGRAM FOR CHRISTMAS

The following program is suggested for churches that feel that it is impossible for them to give a cantata. Some of our Music Directors would prefer this type of program because they think that it is more practical for their church.

Organ or Piano Prelude—"Christ-mas-tide" (or see *The Etude* for other suggestions)

Prayer of Thanksgiving—(Congregation standing)

"Silent Night"—All singing groups Scripture — The Christmas Story found in Luke 2:1-19 (Read by two young people dressed in white robes from balcony, baptistry or off stage.)

"O Holy Night"—All Choirs

"Joy To The World"—played by two, three, or four trumpets or cornets. (If these are not available have all choirs sing.)

"O Come All Ye Faithful"—Congregation

"Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"—Choirs

"The First Noel"—Sextet or Ensemble

"O Little Town of Bethlehem"—Violin and Piano or Cherub Choir

"The Holy City"—Church Choir (Smaller children singing the "Jerusalem's")

Offering—White Gifts

Offertory—see suggestions in the *Etude* magazines

"He Lives On High"—Congregation and Chorus

Message—"Christ Came At Christmas"

Benediction

Organ or Piano Postlude

The above program is only a suggestion and can be changed to suit your own churches' ability and desires.

In using all of the singing groups of the church we mean all of the different choirs, duets, quartets, choruses and ensembles. An improvised platform can be built in front of your choir including the pulpit platform extending in front down on the floor level. The entire group dressed uniformly, preferably in white, would be very effective. All lights of the church could be turned off and as a good lighting effect cardboard boxes with one side cut out and replaced with colored celophane with a light inside the box, could be used very impressively. One thing must be considered: the words must be seen in any lighting effect you build.

The message would be very brief and gifts made previously in the classes and departments of the Sunday School could be presented during the offering. A call for the greatest gift, oneself to Christ, could be called for at the invitation following the message.

carried him out of the hall. Norris continued to smile.

"This is the worst thing they ever did," Dr. Norris told a reporter.

The hall quieted down. Five minutes later, Fraser returned to the hall and sat down quietly. No other effort was made to eject him.

Perry F. Webb, pastor of the First Baptist church at San Antonio, said afterwards that "this is something that is repeated year after year and is terribly embarrassing to us."

He asked the press to "put the incident in its proper light."

"There doesn't seem to be anything we can do about it," Webb said, "These men have no more right to the floor of the Baptist Convention than I would have to the floor of a Methodist Convention. They are merely after publicity."

When the convention opened at 9 a. m., Dr. Norris came in and sat near reporters in the orchestra pit. He went over to newsmen and told two of them, including the staff man for the Associated Press:

"All hell is going to break loose here in a few minutes."

He grinned, patted a reporter on the back and returned to his seat. He sat down and read a newspaper during the preliminary speeches.

Norris has long been criticizing Newton's "stand on Russia."

Fraser, during the time he was trying to get the floor, shouted several times, "I want to know why Dr. Newton feels we should be an ally of Russia?"

Newton, in his address that followed the disturbance, made one reference to Communism, imploring Baptists to do more personal evangelizing since "Communism is going up and down this world tearing up everything in

Neill Becomes Associational Missionary In Tishomingo



REV. E. E. NEILL

Rev. E. E. Neill has come to Tishomingo County to serve as Associational Missionary. The Rev. Mr. Neill comes from West Cullman Baptist Association of Alabama where he served for several years as pastor. The new missionary will live in Iuka where the Tishomingo Association has provided a home for him.

The Neills have four children. Upon their arrival the churches of the Association gave them a shower.

Having already begun his work, the people of the county have found in him a talented preacher, soul winner and organizer.

The West Cullman Association expressed their appreciation of Mr. Neill's work in resolutions sent to the Tishomingo Association.

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FRED G. BAHAM

Whereas: God in His infinite wisdom and love called from our midst our beloved brother, Fred G. Braham, and

Whereas: He served faithfully as our Sunday School Superintendent for many years; also, at the time of his death was chairman of the Board of Deacons, and

Whereas: His life was an example of unselfish Christian love and service. Our church and community have suffered a great loss in the passing of this faithful servant of God.

Therefore, be it resolved, that we extend our sincerest sympathy to his family in this great sorrow, and further

Be it resolved, that we place a copy of these resolutions on our church minutes and send a copy to his family and one to the Baptist Record.

Mrs. B. F. Gates

Mrs. M. C. Boyd

E. H. Rutledge

E. W. Glenn

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Help Provide A Home For Homeless Children by making a liberal Cash Thanksgiving Offering to the Orphanage.

It takes hard work to make dreams come true. First, there have to be people with something going on inside their hearts that makes them care. Then they have to care enough to plan. The architect has to put his dream on paper. People have to care enough to give. Mississippi Baptists had enough of the spirit of Christ in their hearts to be concerned about homeless children. Manifest your love and interest in the boys and girls of the Orphanage by making an offering at this THANKSGIVING SEASON.

The Intermediate Class of Mt. Gilead Church, Lauderdale County, has been the banner class for the last quarter. They were entertained with a chicken supper at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Knight. Thirty-four were in attendance at the social. — Marie Pierce, reporter.

its way and make no mistakes about, that exactly is what it intends to do."

Marshall Association Adopts Anti-Liquor Ad Resolutions

At the recent annual meeting of the Marshall County Baptist Association resolutions were adopted condemning liquor ads.

The resolutions called attention to the fact "nothing can lower moral conditions more than the presence of intoxicating liquors and that next to the presence of intoxicating liquors as an immoral influence in a community.

Is the presence of intoxicating liquor advertisements, with their attractive pictures of beautiful flowers, feathered plumes, beautiful horses and lovable domestic pets—just the thing to appeal to the youth of our land and the homes. One well known publication with a wide circulation in the county, on a recent date, had a large size picture of the beloved Father of our Country in connection with a liquor advertisement in an effort to induce the general public to drink more liquor, youth as well, a thing the patriotism, the good citizenship, the very nature of countless thousands of us recoil; and

Whereas, it is clear to this Marshall County Baptist Association that intoxicating liquors in all its forms is Enemy No. 1 to our God, because it causes more sin than anything else in all the world. It is Enemy No. 1 to this Nation and its people because it causes more suffering and more deaths than anything else. Its casualties in the late war within the bounds of this homeland, directly and indirectly, were greater than those of the war; and

Whereas, On November 17, 1942 in a prohibition election this Association, together with its membership and with the help of others were able to vote out all legalized intoxicants for the county; and

Whereas, there is still present in the county and in the hands of our youth the next thing to liquor for evil, and that is liquor advertisements—a thing that will lower the moral environments in any country, in any community, or in any home;

Therefore, Be it resolved, that this Association at this time and continuously go on record as opposing and making fight on all liquor advertisements in Marshall County; and

Be it further resolved that the Clerk be instructed to send a copy of this Resolution to each and every publication that is sending these advertisements into the county, asking them to discontinue this practice that is so much in opposition to our efforts for a general moral uplift throughout the county, and that a copy be sent to the Baptist Record at Jackson, Mississippi, for publication.

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Jail Is About Empty

The other day I went to visit a man in the county jail. Much to my surprise I found only three prisoners in the whole jail, even though it could accommodate a hundred easily. I commented on the lack of prisoners to the sheriff's mother, who was acting as supervisor, and her observation was most interesting. She said, "It's because of the lack of liquor. We could see the difference as soon as they began to get the terrible stuff drunk up. Before, when there was plenty of it the jail was crowded with all kinds of prisoners for all kinds of crimes. I'll be glad when all of it (liquor) is gone." Here is a real testimony to the evil of liquor, crimes are plentiful. When liquor is scarce, law violators are scarce. Certainly it is the duty of Christian voters to see that our nation be made free again of this terrible curse of our people. George A. Hammon. Selected.

PASTOR CARRIED BODILY FROM FLOOR OF BAPTIST CONVENTION IN TEXAS

AMARILLO, Tex. — (AP) — A Fort Worth pastor was carried bodily from the floor of the Baptist General Convention here Wednesday when he tried to challenge the feature speaker of the morning.

The Rev. William Fraser, member of Dr. Frank Norris' Fundamentalist church of Fort Worth, got to his feet from his front row seat in the convention hall when Dr. Louie D. Newton, Atlanta, Ga., president of the Southern Baptist Convention, was introduced by Dr. Wallace Bassett, Dallas, president of the General Convention.

"I would like to challenge Dr. Newton and ask him—" Fraser began.

He was cut short by Dr. Bassett, who pointed a gavel at him.

"You're not going to ask Dr. Newton anything." Dr. Bassett said.

"I want to raise a protest as high as Heaven—" Fraser continued.

Dr. Norris, sitting nearby among reporters in the orchestra pit, grinned broadly and stood up.

The crowd began to boo loudly. Several stamped their feet. Someone began a hymn, and the audience joined in.

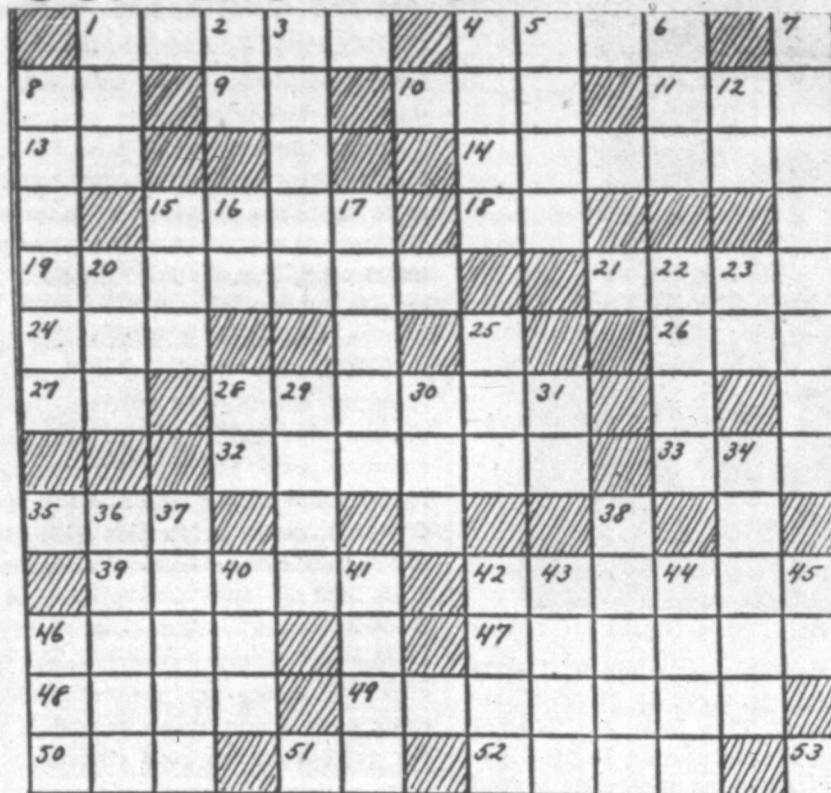
A number of Baptist pastors and laymen, including Chester Watts, Mineral Wells, and Vernon Yearby, Midland, advanced on Fraser.

"Are you going peacefully?" one of them asked.

Fraser continued shouting until he noticed the men were serious. He crouched in the orchestra pit his face red and flushed.

Six men picked him up bodily and

OUR CROSSWORD PUZZLE



"And Jesus went with him; and much people followed him, and thronged him."
—Mark 5:24.

THE RAISING OF THE DAUGHTER OF JAIRUS

Horizontal

1 "come and lay thy . . . on her" Mark 5:23
 4 "besought him that he would . . . into his house" Luke 8:41
 8 "While . . . yet spake" Mark 5:35
 9 "and she shall . . . made whole" Luke 8:50
 10 "she is . . . dead, but sleepeth" Luke 8:52
 11 "when he had put them . . . out" Mark 5:40
 13 Ancestor of Jesus Luke 3:28
 14 "My . . . daughter lieth" Mark 5:23
 15 "we have done that which was our . . . to do" Luke 17:10
 18 District of Columbia
 19 "And they . . . him to scorn" Mark 5:40
 21 "Why make ye this ado, and . . ." Mark 5:39
 24 "how long will it be . . . they attain to innocence" Hos. 8:5
 26 Contend
 27 Of
 28 "it is I; be not . . ." Mark 6:50
 32 "Why troublest thou the . . . any further" Mark 5:35
 33 Nahum
 35 Pronoun
 39 "he saith unto the . . . of the synagogue" Mark 5:36
 42 "suffered no man to . . . him, save Peter, and James, and John" Mark 5:37
 46 Weblike tissue
 47 Girl's name
 48 "who can forgive sins but God . . ." Mark 2:7
 49 "Fear not: . . . only, and she shall be made whole" Luke 8:50
 50 Editors
 51 " . . . soon . . . Jesus heard the word" Mark 5:36
 52 "whosoever will save his life shall . . . it" Mark 8:35
 53 ". . . pray thee" Mark 5:23

Vertical

1 "And . . . spirit came again" Luke 8:55
 2 New Brunswick
 3 "lieth at the point of . . ." Mark 5:23
 4 "a cup of . . . water" Matt. 10:42
 5 Pertaining to the ear
 6 "commanded that something should be given her to . . ." Mark 5:43
 7 "the damsel is not dead, but . . ." Mark 5:39
 8 "that she may be . . ." Mark 5:23
 12 Low Latin
 15 "till he should pay all that was . . . unto him" Matt. 18:34
 16 Haly ugly
 17 "about twelve . . . of age" Luke 8:42
 20 "where two or three . . . gathered together" Matt. 18:20

22 "My daughter is . . . now dead" Matt. 9:18
 23 East Indies

25 "When he speaketh a . . ., he speaketh of his own" John 8:44
 28 "But I know him: for I . . . from him" John 7:29
 29 "And the . . . hereof went abroad into all that land" Matt. 9:26
 30 "and . . . the sacrifices of the dead" Ps. 106:28
 31 Physician
 34 "And straightway the damsel . . . and walked" Mark 5:42
 36 General inclination
 37 Pouts (colloq.)
 38 Plants used in medicine (pl.)
 40 "come and . . . thy hand upon her" Matt. 9:18
 41 "and he took one of his . . ., and closed up the flesh" Gen. 2:21
 42 "when he saw him, he . . . at his feet" Mark 5:22
 43 Mixture
 44 "and she shall . . ." Mark 5:23
 45 "My name is Legion: for . . . are many" Mark 5:9
 46 "upon the great . . . of their right foot" Ex. 29:20

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MRS. AVA NAZARY

With sad hearts, we pause to pay tribute to our friend and loved one, Mrs. Ava Nazary, who died November 10.

Mrs. Nazary was a member of the Midway Baptist Church even tho she was crippled. She was faithful and loyal to her church as long as her health would permit.

We miss her from our church, Sunday School, and Community but her influence will live on in the lives of her loved ones and friends.

We feel deeply our great loss in her going but count it a privilege to pay tribute to the loving memory of such a devoted mother, grandmother and friend.

To her children and loved ones we extend sincere sympathy, praying God may sustain and comfort them as He alone can do. — Mrs. Dean Wilbanks.

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PRACTICAL SERMON OUTLINES by H. K. Downie is another Zondervan book. Dr. H. A. Ironside says "The book will prove a treasure-house of things new and old from which those of less genius and originality may bring forth truth presented in an orderly way for the awakening of the lost and the edification of believers." A few of the subjects are: Rag and Ropes, Sour Grapes, A Lesson in Contrasts, Whence Came They? Only a Touch, and Thinking and Turning. The price is \$1.50 and the book may be ordered from the publishers, Zondervan Publishing House, Grand Rapids, Michigan or from the Baptist Book Store.

No Religious Revival In Europe, Says Theologian

LOUISVILLE, Ky. —(RNS)— A seminary professor just returned from a tour of northern Europe and Nigeria says the talk of Europe being on the verge of a spontaneous religious revival is just wishful thinking.

Dr. H. C. Goerner, professor of comparative religion and missions at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary here, said he found no discernible trend toward a revival in Europe.

Dr. Goerner said he found Europe's churches "reduced to the status of museums," coupled with a feeling among the populace that religion was decadent" and "mere formality." He suggested that what the continent needs is a forceful evangelism to "spread religion by contagion."

Dr. Goerner said that in talks with Europeans, he was told many times that the U. S. and Russia were at war already even though not yet shooting at each other. Most of them looked to the U. S. as their only hope, he added.

MISSOURI BAPTISTS TO ESTABLISH BIBLE CHAIR

MOBERLY, Mo. —(RNS)— The Missouri Baptist General Association voted at its 113th annual meeting here to establish a Baptist chair of Bible at the University of Missouri in Columbia, and authorized a campaign for \$100,000 to endow the department. Property adjacent to the university campus will be purchased for a Baptist Student Center.

The Association also voted to move its state headquarters offices from Kansas City to Jefferson City, nearer the center of the state. Leaders said the transfer can be completed within two years.

Reports by Dr. T. W. Medearis, general superintendent, revealed that during the year Missouri Baptists baptized 14,097 new converts, boosting their membership total to 322,559. Total gifts for missions, education and benevolence were \$1,591,299.68 as compared with \$5,301,730.96 for home expenditures.

Dr. K. J. O'Banion, a layman of California, Mo., was elected moderator of the state group.

Southern Baptists Can Make This Dream Come True!

A Medical Ministry for Arabs in the Hadhramaut*



Healing human bodies in the name of Jesus Christ is the most powerful witness Baptists can provide the Moslem world. Few sections of the earth are so desperately in need of medical service as the Middle East. The Hadhramaut, known as "the place of death", an area as large as Virginia, North and South Carolina, has only one hospital for its ten million people. No organized Christian mission of any kind exists between Aden and Muscat, a thousand miles away. Christian doctors

and nurses and teachers are admitted gladly by the Arabian Government.

Missions volunteers now in training in the States to serve in such a center expect to receive appointment when they are ready.

Money will make it possible. Can Southern Baptists afford, after persistent prayer for open doors, to let this vast one close?

*Pronounced "had-thra-moat".

Continue to give

through the CO-OPERATIVE PROGRAM

No. 2 of a Series: "You and the Future of Missions"

SPARKS & SPLINTERS

The body of Lieutenant G. C. Hedge, Junior, will arrive at Biloxi on Thursday, November 20 and burial will take place at 3 P. M. on the same day at Southern Memorial Park. The body will lie in state at the First Baptist Church from 10 a. m. until 3 p. m. Lieutenant Hedge, who was an Army Pilot, lost his life in Labrador. He was the son of Rev. and Mrs. G. C. Hedge of Biloxi.

The headline for the picture of the members of the cast of Blue Mountain College's features dramatic production. "A Tailor-Made Man," appearing in last week's Baptist Record, should not have read "Opera." The Blue Mountain College opera does not go on tour until the early part of March.

Rev. Loyd Shelton, who has been living at Crowder, has moved to 528 Catalpa Street, Clarksdale.

W. A. Rhodes, Sr., of Mt. Moriah Church, Tishomingo County, certainly stands by the Baptist Record. His latest evidence of friendship is a nice list of new renewal subscriptions from that good church.

New Prospect Church, DeSoto County, has an average Sunday School attendance of 85 out of an enrollment of 102. The Training Union has 99 enrolled and an average of 80.

Beverly Hedges, Meridian, has been elected president of the Mountain Masqueraders, dramatic club at Blue Mountain College. Other officers are: vice-president, Geraldine Lackey, Calhoun City; secretary, Allene Sugg, Bellefontaine; treasurer, Marjorie Ray, Falkner; social chairman, Virginia Marbury; program chairmen, Mary Murphy, Memphis, Tenn., and Brooks Collins, Holly Springs.

Ann Summers, Olive Branch, has been elected president of the Wesley Foundation of Blue Mountain College. Other officers are: vice-president, Virginia Marbury, New Albany; secretary, Darthy Andrews, Marianna, Ark.; treasurer, Lila Jean Jones, Bartlett, Tenn.; Sunday School president, Harriett Owen, Northport, Ala.; Youth Fellowship president, Betty Sigma, Dyersburg, Tenn.; Vespera president, Matilda Plunk, Selmer, Tenn.; pianist, Eva Keith, Blue Mountain.

Rev. O. C. Chance is an old friend of the Baptist Record. He has recently gone to New Zion Church in Walthall County as pastor. He lost no time in sending in a nice list of Baptist Record subscriptions.

Miss Elvie Duke of Adaton Church, Oktibbeha County, is a good friend of the Baptist Record, as evidenced by a recent list of new renewal subscriptions from that good church.

The Baptist Record is grateful for a nice list of renewal subscriptions from Coyt Church, Wayne County, sent in by R. L. Bonner.

Mrs. B. W. Edwards of Enon Church, Clay County, recently sent a nice list of renewal subscriptions for the Baptist Record.

Treasurer John W. Terry of Antioch Church, Lawrence County, writes that the church is moving forward nicely. A church budget has been adopted, the pastor's salary increased, the Baptist Record EVERY FAMILY Plan included in the budget and an increase for the Cooperative Program. Rev. Eldon Peavey Mississippi College student, is pastor.

The Baptist Record is grateful to Rev. W. T. Miller of Gulfport, who recently sent a nice list of new subscriptions for the Record.

EASTON, Pa. —(RNS)— The Lehigh Valley Methodist Ministerial Association has protested to Radio Station WCAU of Philadelphia against its alleged refusal to sell time on the air to temperance forces of Pennsylvania. The ministers charged in a resolution that the station sells time to the liquor industry but refuses to sell time to speakers for temperance organizations.

The Baptist Record greatly appreciates a nice list of new and renewal subscriptions from Meridian Church, Calhoun County, which were sent by Mrs. C. H. Hart.

Miss Willie Fondren of Spring Hill Church, Choctaw County, recently sent a nice list of renewal subscriptions for the Baptist Record.

Mrs. J. O. Hill, treasurer of Duncan Hill Church, Calhoun County, recently sent a nice list of new and renewal subscriptions for the Baptist Record and thus helped the Record in its effort to reach the 59,000 mark in circulation.

The liquor industry used 148,723,000 bushels of grain for the fiscal year ending June 30.

California Baptists, meeting in San Diego, re-elected Hollis Burge president, and voted to double their program for next year. Arizona Baptists re-elected R. H. Tharp as president, and voted to divide all funds 50-50. Plans for the new Baptist college in Arizona will be pushed.

Pat Neff has announced his plans to retire as president of Baylor University at the end of this school year.

The following have been recent visitors to the office of The Baptist Record: Dr. and Mrs. W. A. Bell, Hattiesburg; Rev. O. C. Chance, Tylertown; W. R. Pittman, Tylertown; Rev. A. P. Wells, Brookhaven; Rev. M. Glenn Smith Dot Case, Temple Fenn and Mrs. Earl C. Edwards, McComb; Rev. A. L. Gatewood, Itta Bena; Rev. S. G. Pope, Lena; R. M. Pittman, Tylertown; Mrs. O. B. Talbert, Jackson; Robert Moore, Clinton; Mrs. A. A. Scarborough, McComb; Rev. J. N. Holloway, Lucedale; Cecil L. Carpenter, Sturgis; Rev. Harry A. Borah, Sturgis; C. B. Young, Sardis; Dr. Lawrence T. Lowrey, Blue Mountain; Paul Owen, New Albany; J. E. Buchanan, Blue Mountain; Rev. G. C. Hedge, Biloxi; Rev. Thomas T. Holloway, Dallas, Texas; Rev. C. J. Smyly, Blue Mountain; T. T. Gooch, Oakdale; Rev. John B. Laney, Booneville; Rev. L. G. Sansing, Booneville; Rev. J. S. Dorroh, Pittsboro; Rev. R. W. Porter, Collierville, Tenn.; Rev. B. E. Phillips, New Hebron; Rev. Paul N. Harlan, Water Valley; Rev. George H. Gay, Ripley; Rev. C. S. Thomas, Drew; Rev. C. B. Hamlett III, Winona; Rev. M. C. Whitten, Herndon; Rev. J. L. Moore, Dossie; Rev. A. L. O'Briant, Grenada; Horace Headrick, Laurel; Rev. John Ira Hill, Union; Rev. W. F. Bisbee, West Point.

Mrs. C. B. Adams of Pleasant Hill Church, Clarke County, recently sent a nice list of renewal subscriptions and thus helped the Baptist Record toward the 59,000 mark in circulation.

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McAdams Church Observes Building Fund Day

Sunday, October 26 was observed by McAdam's Church, Attala County, as Building Fund Day. The church enjoyed all day services with dinner on the ground.

Following the Pastor's sermon on "Building A Church", based on the first chapter of Haggai, the people made an offering of \$2,318 and also pledged \$725 for the coming year. The Building Fund now totals \$6,537. The church plans to erect the new building in the coming spring. Plans call for a brick building with basement with room for Sunday School and Training Union classes. Butane gas will be installed.

Rev. W. A. Roper of Meridian, former pastor, preached in the afternoon. Many visitors were present.

Rev. Mr. Roper remained throughout the following week and taught the Book, "The Growing Christian." Thirty-five took the examination.



MAGEE CALLS J. B. SMITH



REV. J. B. SMITH

Rev. J. B. Smith, for the past seven years, pastor at Hollandale, has accepted the pastorate of the First Church, Magee. He succeeds Rev. G. O. Parker, who recently became pastor at Carthage.

Mr. Smith is an A. B. graduate of Mississippi College and holds the Th. M. degree from the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary at Louisville.

Prior to his pastorate at Hollandale, Mr. Smith served as pastor at Ackerman for five years. He begins his new work at Magee on December first.

The Smiths have four children—three sons and one daughter.

Expressing his regret at leaving Hollandale, Rev. Mr. Smith said, "The people of Hollandale are a great people. They have responded in a fine way to the pastor's leadership."

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YOUTH COURAGEOUS by Thomas F. Chilcote, Jr., began as a series of messages for a select group of young people. Requested by the executive secretary of the General Board of Evangelism of The Methodist Church, Dr. Harry Denman, to set them down in writing, the author presents twenty chapters with the desire they may help other youth to discover the glory of the Christian life. Four sections are entitled What Do Young People Want? Getting at the Roots, How We Do It, and The Vision of Thy Tears. Order from TIDINGS, 1908 Grand Avenue, Nashville 4, Tennessee or from the Baptist Book Store.

WORDS by Katherine Williams Lytle, is a sparkling book of poems collected and edited at the request of friend of the author. The author is well-known to radio audiences through her verses, which have been read over the air many times. Because of her natural and charming style Mrs. Lytle has been called repeatedly for readings by prominent women's clubs. Order from the Christopher Publishing House, 1140 Columbus Avenue, Boston 20, Mass., or from the Baptist Book Store, for \$1.75.

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Mrs. Jessie Shofner of Rt. 1, Petts Camp, recently sent a nice list of renewals for the Baptist Church from Bethany Church, Marshall County.



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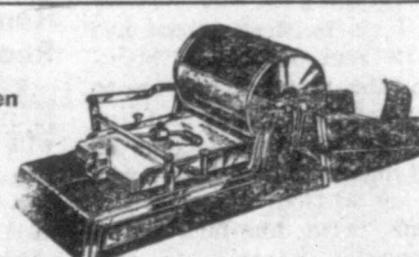
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Turn Back And Do It Yet

By Ellis A. Fuller

(President, Southern Baptist Seminary, Louisville, Ky.)

I wonder if Southern Baptists as a whole have even a faint conception of the significance of the three-month tithing campaign. Some may be breathing a sigh of relief that the day of pledging is now over and will level out in their living and giving on the same old plane, but let me urge you to make that pledge even yet.

If every layman could visualize clearly the pattern and cooperation in supporting our entire program, he would see why this tithing campaign is so necessary.

During the war prosperity there has been no organized southwide denominational effort to provide for capital improvements, expansion, and new work on the part of our southwide boards and agencies. On account of the conviction that the Cooperative Program is the best way to provide maximum and equitable support for all phases of our work, it was thought by our leaders that money for capital improvements should be provided by the Cooperative Program. For that reason, they assigned the Cooperative Program an additional function.

In 1946 they agreed to distribute among the southwide agencies for operating expenses the first \$3,000,000 of the cooperative receipts, and then to distribute among the southwide agencies and institutions on a different percentage basis all the money given above the first \$3,000,000 that the agencies and institutions might receive help for capital improvements. In 1947, this year, the convention raised the amount for the operating budgets to \$5,000,000. All the money given above \$5,000,000 is to be distributed this year for capital improvements, but unless the tithing campaign succeeds, there will be little or no money to distribute.

In 1948 the amount for operating budgets will be reduced to \$4,000,000. This means that the southwide agencies have a faint hope of getting a little additional money at the end of 1948. Our trouble does not grow out of an inequitable distribution of funds. It grows out of our failure to give as much money as our program demands and as much as our Christian stewardship will provide. If our people will tithe, there is not a phase of our work that will suffer for funds.

Promoting stewardship is not primarily to get money. When a Christian denomination goes out just to raise funds, it is to that extent not Christian. The real purpose of stewardship is to raise men and women to new levels of spiritual living and understanding that they may come to know what it means to be fellow workers who belong to God.

One deacon, with his face aglow because of the joy in his heart, said "My conversion was the most brilliant experience of my life. I have had a kindred experience today. It came as a result of signing the tithing card just to try tithing for three months. Something without spoke to something within me saying, 'Not three months but for life.' Then he said, 'I have never been as happy as I have since I committed myself to do the minimum that any Christian should do in Christ's name.'

A CALL FOR CHAPLAINS

The Army is requesting approximately 130 additional Reserves chaplains from Southern Baptists.

Former chaplains desiring the Reserve Chaplains Corps should apply directly to the Chief of Chaplains, 4E470 The Pentagon, Washington, D. C., and if accepted, apply to the Chaplains Commission for denominational endorsement.

New applicants to the Reserve Chaplains Corps must be between the ages of 24 and 34, college and seminary degrees required. Those interested should apply to the Army Headquarters in their area, and if accepted, apply to the Chaplains Commission for denominational endorsement.

Former chaplains or civilian ministers may apply for the Regular Navy.

Age limit for Regular Navy is 35 years, college and seminary degrees required. If interested, write the Navy Procurement Station in your area, and if accepted, apply to the Chaplains Commission for denominational endorsement.

The Chaplains Commission for the Southern Baptist Convention desires to maintain its full quota of well-qualified chaplains, in order that we may render a spiritual ministry to those in the Armed Forces.

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Oklahoma Baptists Vote To Increase Budget 25 Per Cent

TULSA, Okla. — (BP) — Adoption of a unified budget of \$800,000 and a seven-year endowment program of \$3,500,000 were voted by Oklahoma Baptist in their 42nd annual convention. The unified budget goal represents an increase of approximately 25 per cent over last year's figure.

Dr. Harold Graves, pastor of First Baptist Church, Bartlesville, was elected president. George Boston, pastor of Central Baptist Church, Muskogee, and I. L. Yearby, pastor of Trinity Baptist Church, Oklahoma City, were chosen as vice presidents. The 1948 convention will be held Nov. 9-11, in Oklahoma City.

Keynote of the convention was struck at the Wednesday night session, when Dr. J. W. Storer, pastor of First Baptist Church, Tulsa; Ex-governor Robert S. Kerr; and Dr. Andrew Potter, state convention executive secretary, joined in presenting the record-breaking recommendations for 1948.

"You have compassed this mountain long enough," Kerr said, quoting Deuteronomy 2:3; "turn you north!"

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Romanian Baptist Seminary Reopens November 15

BUCHAREST — (RNS) — The Romanian Baptist Theological Seminary will reopen here on November 15 for the first time since it was closed by the Nazi-controlled government in 1941. Fifty students are enrolled.

The seminary is housed in a three-story building constructed 20 years ago by the Southern Baptist Foreign Missions Board. A representative of the Board here said that food and clothing sent by the Southern Baptists will be furnished to the theological students, supplementing local supplies.

Students from the provinces are bringing their own food with them, while the seminary is providing Bucharest students.



Church Leaders Warned Against Begging Racket

NEW YORK — (RNS) — Church World Service announced here that it is warning Protestant leaders in this country against heeding "begging" letters sent to Americans by writers in war-stricken European areas.

Such letters, the relief agency said, are a "racket" to get food and clothing parcels from generous individuals in the U. S.

"Unless the recipient of the letter knows the writer," Church World Service cautioned, "the appeal should be turned over to one of the regular relief agencies for investigation." Many identical letters, 13 in one instance came from the same writer.

Protestant leaders were informed that church relief distributions in every country "are on the basis of need in the light of careful observation on the spot."

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Expelled Member Sues Church For Boycotting Him

WOOSTER, Ohio — (RNS) — The question of whether a church may boycott one of its members because he fails to live up to its rules and regulations was before a Common Pleas Court jury of nine men and three women.

A 33-year-old Amish farmer, Andrew J. Yoder, sued officials of the Helmuth District Amish Church for \$40,000 because, he charged, they caused his social ostracism among the entire membership of Amish churches in Holmes and Wayne Counties.

"The 'miting' regulation or boycott was imposed against him," Yoder testified, "because he transferred his membership to a more liberal congregation that would permit him to purchase an automobile to transport his invalid daughter for medical treatment."

Regulations of the Helmuth District church do not permit him to own or operate a car for any purpose.

He could not, he said, work for, trade with, eat with, buy from, sell to or have any other dealings with his former associates.

On several occasions, he testified, he had been compelled to eat in the basement of homes he visited because the boycott prohibited other members from eating with him.

Imposition of the mite is based on an article in the Dordrecht Confession of Faith, adopted in Dordrecht, Holland, in 1632. This article reads:

"If any member is so far fallen as to be separated from God and consequently rebuked by and expelled from the church he must also, according to the doctrine of Christ and His apostles, be shunned and avoided by all the members of the church so that we may not become defiled by intercourse with him and partakers of his sins, but that he be made ashamed, affected in his mind, convinced in his conscience, and thereby induced to mend his ways."

Proposes Investigation Of Immorality In Movies

CHICAGO — (RNS) — The Christian Advocate, national weekly organ of The Methodist Church published here, has called upon the House Committee on Un-American Activities to review Hollywood-produced movies whose "frank and unabashed propaganda" it charged is undermining and demoralizing the American way of life.

In an editorial entitled "The Real Reds," the Advocate said:

"If the Un-American Activities Committee really wants to discover what the moving picture industry is actually doing to the decent, the honorable, the truthful, and the upright qualities in American life, let it look at the pictures themselves."

The Methodist publication charged that in the movies:

"Prostitutes are being glamorized, rakes are made to appear respectable, little or nothing can be undertaken without the aid of a cigarette, all social recreation must be saturated in alcohol, the marriage vow is nullified, domestic relations are made a mockery, nudity it applauded, inanity is glossed over the technicolor, jungle ethics are paraded before our children, decency is made to appear dull, Protestant clergymen almost without exception are represented as simpletons, sacred things are made common, and sobriety is ridiculed."

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Venezuela Church Needs A Pastor

A church in Venezuela needs a pastor, according to Dr. J. W. (Bill) Marshall, president of Wayland College, Plainview, Texas.

The church is small and, like many small churches, it meets in a school building.

It will be necessary for the pastor to take regular employment with the oil company (not over 46 hours per week), ensuring himself of a house, plus a salary. The church will pay him in addition to his salary from the company.

Anyone interested may write for more information to Dr. J. W. Marshall, Wayland College, Plainview, Texas.

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Wisconsin Schools Barred To Religious Groups

MADISON, Wis. — (RNS) — Wisconsin public school buildings cannot be used by private organizations for religious purposes, according to an opinion by the attorney general.

The opinion was sent by Attorney General John E. Martin to J. Martin Klotzsche, president of the Milwaukee State Teachers' college, who asked about the propriety of a religious organization near the campus using college buildings for classes of religious instruction.